

healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for **God was with him.** <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but **God raised him** on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been **chosen by God** as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one **appointed by God** to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that *everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*”

B. As Christians we are asking God to Show Steadfast Love **to Jesus...**

1. Let us be about God’s Glory as displayed in the face of Jesus!
2. Let us not be about a name for ourselves

C. We have a Clear Mission & Better Promises!

**Matthew 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**”

Genesis 24:1-25:18

**God’s Steadfast Love to His Chosen Servant**

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**Sermon Outline**

Notes

**I. Introduction**

A. Abraham God’s Chosen Servant (Gen. 12:1-3)

**Genesis 24:1**

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And *the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.*

1. Blessed Him in Finding a Suitable Wife for Isaac (Gen. 24)
2. Blessed Him with a Servant Who Trusted in the God’s Promises (Gen. 24)
3. Blessed Him with a Wife in his Old Age and Six more Children (Gen. 25:1-6)
4. Blessed Ishmael (Gen. 17:20; 25:12-18)
5. Blessed Isaac (Genesis 26:2-6)

B.. Abraham’s Response with Faith

1. Providing a Wife for His Son & Guarding Him from Leaving the Promised Land.
2. Sending His Other Children Away

**Genesis 25:1-6**

Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. <sup>2</sup> She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. <sup>3</sup> Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. <sup>4</sup> The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. <sup>5</sup> **Abraham gave all he had to Isaac.** <sup>6</sup> But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country.

**Key Idea**

*Respond to the steadfast love of God with single-minded faith!*

## II. How do the Others in this Story Respond to the Steadfast Love of God toward Abraham?

### A. Abraham's Relatives

#### Genesis 24:50-51, 54b-57

<sup>50</sup> Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "***The thing has come from the Lord***; we cannot speak to you bad or good. <sup>51</sup> Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has spoken."...  
...When they arose in the morning, he said, "Send me away to my master." <sup>55</sup> Her brother and her mother said, "*Let the young woman remain with us a while*, at least ten days; after that she may go." <sup>56</sup> But he said to them, "Do not delay me, ..." <sup>57</sup> They said, "*Let us call the young woman and ask her*."

### B. Rebekah

#### Genesis 24:58, 64-65

And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "***I will go***." ...  
<sup>64</sup> And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel <sup>65</sup> and said to the servant, "Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she **took her veil** and covered herself.

### C. Isaac

#### Genesis 24:66-67

<sup>66</sup> And *the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done*. <sup>67</sup> **Then Isaac** brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, **and he loved her**. ...

### D. The Servant

#### 1. Who was this servant?

#### Genesis 24:2

And Abraham said to his servant, the *oldest of his household* [Eliezer - ch. 15:2?], who *had charge of all that he had*...

### 2. The Servant Trusted in the Promises

#### Genesis 24:12, 14, 26-27

<sup>12</sup> And he said, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and ***show steadfast love to my master Abraham***. ... <sup>14</sup> Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown ***steadfast love to my master***."...

<sup>26</sup> The man bowed his head and **worshiped the Lord**  
<sup>27</sup> and said, "Blessed be the Lord, ***the God of my master Abraham***, who has not forsaken his ***steadfast love*** and his faithfulness ***toward my master***. As for me, the Lord has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen."

### 3. The Single-Mindedness of the Servant

#### Genesis 24:33, 49

<sup>33</sup> Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, "***I will not eat*** until I have said what I have to say."...  
<sup>49</sup> Now then, *if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master*, **tell me**; and if not, **tell me**, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

## III. Application

### A. Now One Greater than Abraham has Come!

[John 8:53-58 – "I am"]

#### Luke 9:34-35

...a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, ***my Chosen One***; listen to him!"

#### Acts 10:38-43 (Peter - Acts 2:22-41)

<sup>38</sup> ...**God anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and