

# Getting a Bride for His Son

Genesis 24:1 And **Abraham was old**, and well stricken in age: and **the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.** 2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: 3 And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that **thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites**, among whom I dwell: 4 But thou shalt go unto **my country, and to my kindred**, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. 5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure **the woman will not be willing to follow me** unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? 6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. 7 The Lord God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. 8 And **if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath:** only bring not my

son thither again. 9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter. 10 And the servant took **ten camels** of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master *were* in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. 11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw *water*. 12 And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. 13 Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: 14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be she that* thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. 15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. 16 And **the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had**

**any man known her:** and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. 18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. 19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. 20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels. 21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not. 22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold; 23 And said, Whose daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room *in* thy father's house for us to lodge in? 24 And she said unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. 25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. 26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord. 27 And he said, Blessed *be* the Lord God of my master Abraham, **who hath not left destitute my master of his**

**mercy and his truth:** I *being* in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren. 28 And the damsel ran, and told *them of* her mother's house these things. 29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. 30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. 31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. 32 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that *were* with him. 33 And there was set *meat* before him to eat: but he said, **I will not eat, until I have told mine errand.** And he said, Speak on. 34 And he said, I *am* Abraham's servant. 35 And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. 37

And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: 38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. 39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. 40 And he said unto me, The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: 41 Then shalt thou be clear from *this* my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: 43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; 44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let* the same *be* the woman whom the Lord hath appointed out for my master's son. 45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew *water*: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. 46 And she

made haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. 48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son. 49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left. 50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee, take *her*, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken. 52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, *bowing himself* to the earth. 53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. 54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night; and they

rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. 55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us *a few days*, at the least ten; after that she shall go. 56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth. 58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, **I will go.** 59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them. 61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. 65 For she *had* said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant *had* said, It *is*

my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. 66  
And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. 67 And  
Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took  
Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and  
**Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.**

- Abraham is old and wants to make sure that his son has a wife
- There are several lessons for us in this passage
  - We are blessed in all things and should be grateful
  - We can trust God who took care of us yesterday to take care of us tomorrow
  - We can trust God to take care of our children
- There are possible lessons here about what our children should do as they look for a life mate
- There is a possible picture here of God looking for His Son's bride
- Though God is not in the match making business we can follow Him and trust that He will direct our steps to the right person
- No matter who we are married to right now we should know and act like it is God's will for our life, because it is

1. A blessed man **Genesis 24:1** **And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.**
  - a. Blessed to be called out of his old life! **7** The Lord God of heaven, which **took me from my father's house**, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.
    - i. He remembered where he came from
    - ii. He didn't want to go back
    - iii. He knew that the God that brought him out could take care of his son
  - b. Blessed to be a blessing **12:2** **And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:** **3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
  - c. Obedience brought more blessings **22:15** **And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, 16** **And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the**

Lord, for **because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17** That in **blessing I will bless thee,** and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; **18** And **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;** because thou hast obeyed my voice.

- i. When he obeyed God promised even more blessing
- ii. But the greater blessing was to be a blessing to others
- iii. It was through Abraham that all the nations would be blessed
- iv. God did that by sending the Word, the Son, even the Church

d. Blessed in all things

- i. God blessed him in all things.
  - 1. That did not mean he did not have hard times
  - 2. That did not mean he did not go through great testing
  - 3. It meant that God was with him through it all
- ii. We are blessed in all things as children of God

**Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our**

Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ

1. The reason we do not see the blessings often is that we are focused on the wrong thing
2. We look at material goods while He wants us to rejoice in Him **Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.**
3. We should have joy in Him no matter what is happening around us **Habakkuk 3:17-18 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, Neither shall fruit be in the vines; The labour of the olive shall fail, And the fields shall yield no meat; The flock shall be cut off from the fold, And there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.**

2. Abraham wanted a wife for his son. Here are some principles from the chapter for our young people to consider
  - a. Get your parent's approval **3 And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that **thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites,** among whom I dwell: **4****

But thou shalt go unto **my country, and to my kindred,** and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

- i. Though this guy was 40 years old
  - ii. Do not take this point too far
  - iii. God will direct your steps if you will obey Him
  - iv. The person you are married to right now is obviously God's will for your life
  - v. We do not look back and think what if but look at today and do what we should
- b. Marry a believer **5** And the servant said unto him, Peradventure **the woman will not be willing to follow me** unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? **6** And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. **Genesis 28:1** And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, **Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.** **2** Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. **3** And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; **4** And give thee the

blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham. 5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. 6 **When Esau saw that**

**Isaac had blessed Jacob,** and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, **Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;** 7

And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram; 8 **And Esau seeing that the**

**daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;** 9

**Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives** which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

II Corinthians 6:14 **Be ye not unequally yoked**

**together with unbelievers:** for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

c. What to look for in a man

- i. He was a giver **10** And the servant took **ten camels** of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master *were* in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.  
**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that **he gave** his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and **gave himself** for it;
- ii. He was spiritual **62** And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country. **63** And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming.
- iii. He had a good relationship with his parents and his authorities
- iv. Purity, self control
- v. Disciplined hard worker
- d. What to look for in a woman
  - i. Purity, self control **16** And **the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known**

**her:** and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

ii. Hard worker **20** And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels. **21** And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.

1. Older women are to teach the younger women

**Titus 2:3-5** The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, **teachers of good things;** **4** That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** *To be* discreet, chaste, **keepers at home,** good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

2. **Ephesians 5** speaks of how the wife is to submit to and reverence her husband

iii. Modest **65** For she *had* said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant *had* said, It *is* my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

iv. Put the emphasis on your face **Proverbs 15:13** A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

e. Trust God that He has someone special for you

i. **14** And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be she that thou hast **appointed for thy servant Isaac;*** and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

**44** And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let the same be the woman whom the Lord hath **appointed out for my master's son.***

ii. Seek the will of God **6** And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

**26** And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord.

iii. **Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

### 3. Other pictures that might be applicable to us

- a. We have been sent on a mission by our Father, the head of our house
- b. We are seeking out His bride as well
- c. We are responsible to take the message, offer the gift, and wait for a response **5** And the servant said unto him, Peradventure **the woman will not be willing to follow me** unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? **8** And **if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath:** only bring not my son thither again.
- d. You can be certain that God will give success because the Lord Jesus has not been left destitute **27** And he said, Blessed *be* the Lord God of my master Abraham, **who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth:** I *being* in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren.
- e. There should be an urgency about us as we do His work **33** And there was set *meat* before him to eat: but he said, **I will not eat, until I have told mine errand.** And he said, Speak on.

- f. Like the servant we just tell the story of our Father's blessing and work **40** *And he said unto me, The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and **prosper thy way**; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:*
- g. Like Rebekah in this story our relationship with our Lord will be one of service. We get lots of gifts but we should be ready to run and do His bidding
- h. The response was individual and hers to give **58** *And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, **I will go.***
- i. As we see people trust the Lord Jesus and come to Him He will see the travail of His soul and be satisfied **67** *And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and **Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.***  
**Isaiah 53:11** He shall **see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:** By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; For he shall bear their iniquities.