

GENESIS 24:50-54, 59-67

LESSON: ISAAC AND REBEKAH — August 11, 2019

SYNOPSIS OF HISTORY:

24:29-33 After Rebekah had ran back to her mother's house to tell them of the servant and all the things that had happened, Laban, her brother ran to the well to see this servant. He had seen all this jewelry she was wearing and heard the words his sister Rebekah had spoken about the servant, he therefore came to the well. He saw the servant standing there with all these camels. Laban then welcomed the servant with open arms to come to the house, and there they laid out straw and water for his camels, washed his feet, and prepared meat for him. However, he would not eat until he really tells them why he had come on this errand. He tells them: **Step 7: share one's heart and purpose.**

24:34-49 He's the servant of Abraham. The LORD had blessed his master. His wife Sarah bore a son in her old age, and the master has given the son all that he owns. Now, Abraham, his master desires a godly wife for his son. *"He made me swear that she is not to come from the daughters of the Canaanites, but from the house of his father's family. So, I asked if she does not follow me, after I have come to his father's family, he said the LORD who leads me will send His angel with me to make things work out so I can bring back a wife for his son from the house of his father. If she will not return, only then will I be released from this oath. And this day I have come to the well of water as the LORD had prospered my way. I prayed to the God of my master for guidance: She will give me water and give water to my camels was my prayer. And before I ended the prayer, that very thing happened. I asked her whose daughter was she, and she said that she is the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son whom Milcah bare. I bowed down my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed Him, the LORD of my master Abraham who led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter to his son."* Now, the servant asks for their response of what they will do. Will it be kind and generous to his master so he'll know what move to take next: to turn to the right or to the left. **Step 8: asks for a clear decision.**

LESSON: I. ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S LEADING GENESIS 24:50-54

24:50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. The servant had asked for a clear decision in marriage for his master's son. Laban, the brother and Bethuel, the mother realized what the servant had said was totally from the Lord, and that they had no say in the matter, yea or nay; good or bad, therefore the request was granted.

24:51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken. They gave Rebekah to the servant saying take her and go, and let your master's son have her as his wife as the Lord had spoken.

24:52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth. The moment Abraham's servant heard their words he bowed himself to the earth and worshiped God. The servant confirmed and sealed the decision for marriage by (1) worshipping God. This was the moment he had hoped and prayed for, for his master's son. **Step 9: confirm and seal the decision.**

24:53 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. The servant also confirmed and sealed the marriage by (2) sharing gifts. There came many gifts the servant brought forth to give to Rebekah, for this was a celebration: jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment. The servant also gave precious expensive gifts to Rebekah's brother and mother. These were all the things Isaac would have done if

he was there with the family. Abraham's servant was the representative for Isaac.

24:54 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. The servant also confirmed and sealed the marriage by (3) spending time with family; rejoicing and fellowshiping with all that were there. He stayed the night and rose up early in the morning asking to be released to his master.

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24:55 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. Well, the brother and mother wanted Rebekah to stay with them a few more days, at least 10 days before going to Abraham's son. And that would mean that the servant would have to stay for another 10 days.

24:56 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. So, the servant knew that God had prospered his way to come there, and had worked all things out; his business was over, so he really didn't want to be hindered from getting back to his master. As we would say: There's no place like home.

24:57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth. Well, the brother and mother called for Rebekah to ask her to give her view on the matter from her own mouth, for this was so sudden for them. They wanted more time.

24:58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. They called for Rebekah and asked her, and without hesitation she said that she would go back with the servant.

II. COMPLETION OF GOD'S WILL GENESIS 24:59-67

24:59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. Now, the journey begins with Rebekah, her nurse, Abraham's servant and the men that came with the servant.

24:60 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. A most awesome blessing was spoken over Rebekah as she begun this journey to meet her husband to be. Her brother called her our sister, the mother of thousands of millions, and her seed to possess the gate of those that hate them.

24:61 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. It was time and they didn't waste any time. Rebekah and her young maids followed the servant, riding on camels to his master's home.

24:62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. This was the very first time Isaac's name is mentioned in chapter 24, although it was understood to be him. I don't know why. This way of the well Lahairoi that Isaac had come from was the same "well" that Hagar had stopped at when *"the angel of the Lord"* had confronted her. Isaac was living in the Negev, the southern part of the Promised Land.

24:63 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. About this time Isaac had gone out one evening into a field to meditate.

While there, he lifted up his eyes and saw a camel caravan coming, and he began to walk toward them.

24:64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. And at

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this time Rebekah also lifted up her eyes and saw Isaac. She dismounted the camel.

24:65 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 veil, and covered herself. Rebekah began to ask the servant who this man was that was walking in the field to meet them. The servant answered that it was his master, and she took a veil and covered her face with respect, for that was the custom in that day.

24:66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. I know the servant couldn't wait to tell Isaac the news; all the things that he had done.

24:67 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. This was the moment they all had waited for. The servant had done his assignment, and now it is time for the husband to complete his marriage to his bride. Isaac took his wife into his mother Sarah's tent and consummated his marriage and she became his wife. And he loved her for this was the one God had chosen for him. Rebecca comforted Isaac after his mother's death. [Step 10: consummate the marriage.](#)

NOTE: Sarah had died in Chapter 23:1-2 at the age of 127yrs old in Kirjatharba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham mourned for and wept for Sarah.

SUMMARY:

The servant had asked for a clear decision in marriage for his master's son. Laban, the brother and Bethuel, the mother realized what the servant had said was totally from the Lord. They had no say in the matter, yea or nay; good or bad, therefore the request was granted. They gave Rebekah to the servant saying take her and go; the Lord had spoken. The moment Abraham's servant heard their words he bowed himself to the earth and worshiped God. He brought jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment to give to Rebekah; also precious things to her brother and her mother. The servant spent time with the family; rejoicing and fellowshiping with all that was there. He stayed the night and rose up early in the morning asking to be released to his master (24:50-54).

The journey to go back to the servant's master begins with Rebekah, her nurse, Abraham's servant and the men that came with him. A most awesome blessing was spoken over Rebekah as she begun this journey to meet her husband to be. Her brother called her our sister, the mother of thousands of millions, and her seed to possess the gate of those that hate them. It was time and they didn't waste any time. Rebekah and her young maids followed the servant, riding on camels to his master's home. Now, this is the very first time Isaac's name is mentioned in chapter 24, although it was understood to be him. I don't know why. This way of the well Lahairoi that Isaac had come from was the same "well" that Hagar had stopped at when *"the angel of the Lord"* had confronted her. Isaac was living in the Negev, the southern part of the Promised Land. And about this time Isaac had gone out one evening into a field to meditate. While there, he lifted up his eyes and saw a camel caravan coming, and he began to walk toward them. And at the very same time Rebekah also lifted up her eyes and saw Isaac. She dismounted the camel and began to ask the servant who this man was that was walking in the field to meet them. The servant answered that it was his master, and she took a veil and covered her face out of respect, for that was the custom in that day. The servant couldn't wait to tell Isaac all the things that he had done. This was the moment they all had waited for. The servant had done his assignment, and now it is time for the husband to complete his marriage to his bride. Isaac took his wife into his mother Sarah's tent and consummated his marriage and she became his wife. And he loved her for this was the one God had chosen for him. Rebecca comforted Isaac after his mother's death (24:59-67).

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