

## Genesis Chapters 24-26 (Isaac)

### Genesis 24

We have in this chapter a beautiful story. In this story we have some wonderful \_\_\_\_\_.

Abraham sends his servant to \_\_\_\_\_ to find a bride for his son Isaac. When the servant was near the city, he kneels and prays for wisdom. This was an amazing prayer, not only because of his faith, but also the fact that the answer came before he was \_\_\_\_\_ praying. The servant sought for God to show him the girl He wanted to be Isaac's wife. The servant was specific in what he asked. His \_\_\_\_\_ was for God to cause her to offer water not only for him, but for his camels also.

The result (v. 15) – “And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, what was born of Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.”

Without any knowledge of this servant's prayer, Rebekah \_\_\_\_\_ his request and offers water both to him and his camels. After this initial meeting between Rebekah and the servant, the servant meets her family. Laban, her \_\_\_\_\_, is the first to meet him. Then they take the servant to their house to meet the rest of her family.

When they are there, the servant gets to the business at hand. They have food ready but he insisted on telling why he was there. After he tells them all the things leading up to the moment and asks \_\_\_\_\_ permissions, Rebekah's father agrees that she can go. But the final decision is hers. Rebekah's mother and brother asks that she be able to stay with them for at least 10 days. The servant desires for her to go \_\_\_\_\_. They call Rebekah and ask “Wilt thou go with this man?” and she said “I will go.” (verse 58)

Isaac is back at home undoubtedly anxious for the return of his bride. As he is meditating in the field, he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. Rebekah looks and sees Isaac, gets off of her camel and asks the servant “What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us?” And the servant had said, “It is thy master...” The servant told Isaac all that had happened and Isaac took her and she became his wife.

Note the types:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - type of the Heavenly Father. The Father is planning a marriage for His only begotten Son. (Matthew 22:2)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - type of Christ. He had been offered as a sacrifice and is seeking a bride. Like Christ, he had been given all things of his father. Like Christ, he loves his bride.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - type of the Holy Spirit. Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ servant goes to a distant land for the sole purpose of taking a bride for Isaac. Many believe the servant was Eliezer, but the Bible does not say this. This proves true of being a type of the Holy Spirit in the fact that all he wants Rebekah to know about is the \_\_\_\_\_. He constantly gave honor to the father (Abraham) and the son (Isaac). (John 15:26).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - type of the church. Just as anyone today, she had to make the choice. She was asked “Will you go?” She responded “I will go.” She then is taken to the bridegroom.

## Principles for Today

In finding a bride for the Christian man:

1. Seek guidance from \_\_\_\_\_. (verses 33-48; 49-5)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ should be alike. (verses 3-4)
3. Get to know her by \_\_\_\_\_. (verses 12-26)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ her relatives. (verses 29, 31, 50)
5. Be open and honest about your intention. (verses 33-49)
6. Discuss expectations of future and give evidence. (verses 35-36, 53)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ must make the commitment on her own before accepted. (verses 57-58)
8. Love her. (verse 67) "Even as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it."

## Chapter 25

We begin this chapter with Abraham getting married again. He was at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old. He marries a woman by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years. (verses 7-8) His sons, Isaac and Ishmael, bury him in the \_\_\_\_\_. After Abram dies "God blessed his son Isaac."

While God blessed him, we see no evidence of greatness in Isaac's life. He is described as mediocre while having a great father (Abraham) and a great son (Jacob.) We do see him in verse 21 as he "intreated the Lord for his wife because she was barren."

Rebekah then conceives and has \_\_\_\_\_ sons. God tells Rebekah "the elder shall serve the younger." Isaac is \_\_\_\_\_ years old when the twins are born. Esau sells his \_\_\_\_\_ to Jacob for a bowl of pottage.

## Chapter 26

The Abrahamic covenant is \_\_\_\_\_ to Isaac. Isaac makes the same mistake his father made and \_\_\_\_\_ about his wife (verses 6-10). The Lord blesses him in verse 12. In verses 15-22, we see Isaac re-digging wells that his father had dug earlier. They had been filled in by the Philistines.

Note: Our \_\_\_\_\_ have dug some wells for us that many have tried to \_\_\_\_\_. The well of the virgin birth and sinless life of Christ. The well of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The well of His ascension and coming again. We need to dig these out and stand upon the truth.

Then we see Isaac \_\_\_\_\_ an altar and \_\_\_\_\_ upon the name of the Lord. The chapter closes with Isaac and Rebekah no doubt upset that \_\_\_\_\_ picks a \_\_\_\_\_ girl for a wife.