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## A Bride For Isaac

**GENESIS 24:1-67**

# Dedicated space to ...

- The Flood—75 verses
- The creation of heaven and earth—31 verses
- The creation of man and woman—25 verses
- The story of Adam and Eve—24 verses
- The story of Cain and Able—20 verses
- Tower of Babel—9 verses
- The Promise to Abraham—3 verses

# Dedicated space to ...

- Abraham's travel to Canaan—25 verses
- Abraham's escapades in Egypt—11 verses
- Abraham and Lot separate—18 verses
- Sodom and Gomorrah—7 verses
- The sacrifice of Isaac—19 verses
- The story of a bride for Isaac—67 verses



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The Commitment of Abraham

Genesis 24:1-9

# Genesis 24:1-3

“Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, ‘Put your hand under my thigh, that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my ...”

# Genesis 24:3-6

“son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.’ The servant said to him, ‘Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?’ Abraham said to him, ‘See to it that you do ...’”

# Genesis 24:6-8

“not take my son back there. The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you and you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free ...”

# Genesis 24:8

“from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.” (ESV)

# The Most Important Thing

The most important thing that Abraham can provide for his son is to make sure Isaac develops his own personal faith and that he marries a woman of faith.

# 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ... Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?” (ESV)

# Genesis 24:7

“The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.” (ESV)



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The Commitment of the  
Chief Servant

Genesis 24:10-49

# Genesis 24:10-12

“Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said, ‘O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me ...’”

# Genesis 24:12-14

“success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. 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.” (ESV)

# Admiration & Respect

- **“My Master”**—Genesis 24:12, 12, 14, 27, 27, 27, 35, 36, 36, 37, 39, 42, 44, 48, 48, 49, 51, 54, 56
- **“I am Abraham’s servant”**—Gen 24:34

# Three instructions to Eliezer

- Do not select a wife for Isaac from among the Canaanites
- Do choose a wife from among God's people
- Do not allow Isaac to leave the country to which God had brought them

# Three reminders to Eliezer

- God has promised to bless them and not forsake them
- Isaac was the fulfillment of God's promise
- An angel of God would go before him and guide him

# Eliezer's Prayer

“And he \*said, ‘O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham.’”

(Gen 24:12, ESV)

**\*Hebrew Qal Imperfect**—denotes habitual or continual action.

# Genesis 24:14

“By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.” (ESV)

# Genesis 24:26-27

“The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD 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.’” (ESV)



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## The Commitment of Rebekah

Genesis 24:15-67

# Genesis 24:16

“The young woman was very attractive in appearance ...” (ESV)

# Genesis 24:19-20

“When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, ‘I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.’ So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels.” (ESV)

# Genesis 24:25

“She added, ‘We have plenty of both straw and fodder, and room to spend the night.’”

(ESV)

# Genesis 24:55

“Her brother and her mother said, ‘Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.’” (ESV)

# Charles Spurgeon

“Ten days did not seem too long; but they might have been ten days too late. One day does not seem much; but one day more may be too late, and one day too late is to be too late forever; yes, even one minute too late is an eternity too late.”



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## A Bride For Isaac

**The story tells us how we should live and act in our relationships with God and each other. We must seek God in every area of our life.**

# Next Steps

- My first step will be prayer, and my first response will be praise
- I will answer God, “Here I am” and “I will go.”
- I will seek God first in all things, including my relationships
- I will look for opportunities to bless and serve others