



A Bride for Isaac

Genesis 24

How to use this Scripture Engagement



Pray to Begin

Before you start each lesson, ask the Lord to use it to grow you in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Read the Bible passage

Invite God to open your eyes and deepen your understanding of His Word as you read the passage.



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A Bride for Isaac

Dear God,

Lord, as we open Your Word, help us recognize Your hand in the details of life. Teach us to trust Your guidance as Abraham and his servant did. Give us hearts willing to respond like Rebekah without hesitation. Help us see the deeper picture of Your calling, Your promises, and Your love.

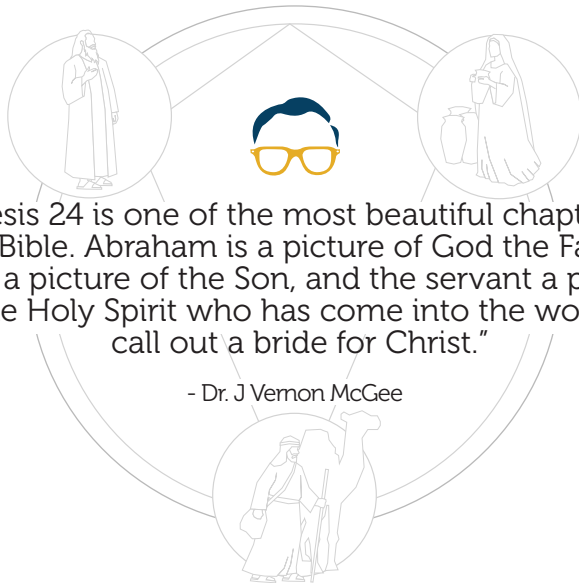
In Jesus' name, Amen.



The Servant's Mission



Genesis 24:1-41



"Genesis 24 is one of the most beautiful chapters in the Bible. Abraham is a picture of God the Father, Isaac a picture of the Son, and the servant a picture of the Holy Spirit who has come into the world to call out a bride for Christ."

- Dr. J Vernon McGee

Abraham is now old, yet **the promises of God** are still unfolding. Though Isaac is the son of promise, Abraham knows that **God's work must continue without compromise**. He is **determined that Isaac's bride** must not come from the idolatrous Canaanites but from among his own people- **those who know the living God**.



While choosing a spouse, is it necessary and important that the person shares your faith?

He **entrusted the tasks** to his most trusted servant, who had responsibility over his entire household.

The servant has certain doubts about the mission in front of him but Abraham's confidence is **not in a strategy, but in God's word**. He trusts that the Lord who called him will also lead his servant. He even **dismisses the servant's plan** to take Isaac back to the land from which God called Abraham out of. **Abraham knows where God has called him to be**.



Faith is not foolishness. It is resting upon something. It is always reasonable. It is never a leap in the dark. It is not betting your life that this or that will come to pass. It is not a gamble; it is a sure thing. Faith is the real sure thing.

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Abraham is so **confident in his faith** that he **released the servant** from his oath **if his mission failed**. As McGee puts it, **“If this doesn’t work out, then God has another way to work it out.”**

 Have you ever demanded God to work things out your way instead of having faith in Him?

The Servant's Prayerful Dependence

 Genesis 24:42-61

The servant **arrives** in Mesopotamia with resources, responsibility, and uncertainty. **Rather than acting on impulse**, he **prays specifically** and **waits attentively**. His request is not arbitrary; it reveals a desire for discernment of character, kindness, diligence, and generosity.

Before the servant had finished praying, Rebekah appeared.

She is **described as very beautiful, pure, and hardworking**. When the servant asks for water, she immediately gives him a drink and then **offers to draw water** for the camels. This was a demanding **act of kindness** because camels drink large amounts of water.

The servant watches in amazement as God answers his prayer one step at a time.



As events unfold, the servant does not rush ahead. **He pauses to worship**. God's guidance leads **not to self-congratulation** but to **humility and praise**.

This pattern is repeated throughout the chapter:



Rebekah runs home to tell her family about the stranger. Her brother Laban quickly goes out to meet the servant after noticing the gold jewelry. The servant and his companions are welcomed into the home and treated with great hospitality.

Yet before eating, the servant insists on speaking first. His mission must come before his comfort.

He introduces himself simply as “Abraham’s servant.” His name is not mentioned. Instead, the focus is entirely on his master and his master’s son.

He tells the story of Abraham's **wealth**, Isaac's **miraculous birth**, and **the inheritance** that belongs to Isaac. Then he explains how Abraham sent him to find a bride for Isaac and how God answered his prayer at the well.

This story contains a powerful spiritual picture. Just as Abraham's servant came to seek a bride for Isaac, **the Holy Spirit has come into the world to call out a bride for Christ.**

The servant does not speak about himself. He speaks about another.



The Spirit of God has come into the world to speak of Another.

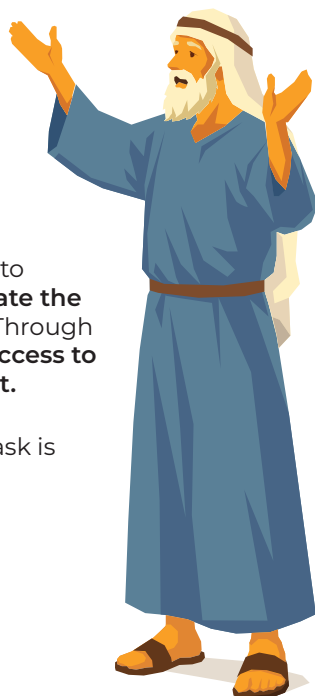
The servant's message **centers on the son**. He speaks of **the father's riches**, **the son's inheritance**, and the invitation being extended.

When the family **hears the entire account**, they **recognize that this matter** has come from the Lord. They agree that Rebekah should **become Isaac's wife**.

Immediately the servant bows and worships the Lord again.

Then he **presents gifts** of silver, gold, and clothing to Rebekah and **gifts to her family**. These gifts **illustrate the blessings believers receive** through **God's grace**. Through **faith in Christ**, believers receive **peace with God**, **access to God**, **joy**, **hope**, and **the presence of the Holy Spirit**.

The servant remains **focused on his mission**. His task is **too important to delay**.



McGee parallels this with **Jesus calling His disciples** and them responding immediately, and also with the **Holy Spirit calling you** to the saving grace of Christ Jesus.



The question is: Will you go? Will you accept the invitation? Will you trust Christ as your Savior? This is not something about which you can beat around the bush - you either do it or you don't.

The next morning the servant is ready to depart immediately. He does not want any delay because the Lord has prospered his journey.

Rebekah's family asks that she remain for several days, but the servant presses forward. Finally, they turn to Rebekah herself and ask a simple question, "Will you go with this man?" **Her answer is immediate. "I will go."** She does not hesitate or delay. She makes a clear decision.



A true response to God is not hesitation. It is decision.

Rebekah leaves behind her home and begins the long journey across the desert to meet Isaac. During the journey she hears more about Isaac. She learns about his birth, his life, and the day he was offered on Mount Moriah.

She gets to know him before she ever sees him.

This is much like the believer's relationship with Christ. **We have not seen Him, yet we believe in Him and love Him.**



When God's will becomes clear, do I respond with trust or delay?

Abraham
→ God the Father

The Father, in sovereign purpose, sends to secure a bride for His Son.



Isaac
→ The son (Christ)

The Son is the beloved heir, the one who inherits all and awaits the bride Chosen for Him. He is the focus of the mission the bride is brought to Him, not sought by Him.



Servant
→ The Holy Spirit

The Spirit is sent to seek the bride, speak of the Son, and lead her step by step. He does not speak of himself, but reveals the riches of The Father and the glory of the Son.



Rebekah
→ The Bride (church)

The bride hears, believes, and responds with a decisive "I will go," leaving all behind. She journeys by faith toward the Son, loving Him before she has seen Him.



Promise Fulfilled and Comfort Given



Genesis 24:62-67

The journey ends quietly. Isaac is **meditating in the field** when the camels approach. Rebekah **lifts her eyes** and **sees the one** she has chosen to follow. God brings together promise, obedience, and love.

Isaac **receives his bride**, and **he is comforted** after his mother's death. God's faithfulness meets human longing with gentle precision.

This scene gives us a beautiful picture of Christ and His bride.





Reflection

Question 1

Abraham trusted God to guide the future without compromise.

Where is God inviting you to trust Him rather than control outcomes?

Question 2

Rebekah's obedience required leaving what was familiar.

What might faithfulness to God require you to release today?

Question 3

This chapter emphasizes prayer, character, and clarity.

In which of these areas do you most need to grow?

Draw your Application



McGee's Quote



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Faithful God, help us to walk in trust, recognize Your leading, and respond with obedience. Shape our character and steady our hearts as we follow You. May our lives reflect confidence in Your promises and readiness to say, "I will go." In Jesus' name, Amen.

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