

Genesis Chapter 24 Commentary

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.

Abraham sees that there is a need to keep his family from marrying the pagans of the land in which he was a stranger. We understand that Abraham was not willing that Isaac be married to any of the land of Canaan, because they were an idolatrous people. This sets the example, which God shall show us again when his people enter the Promised Land. Do not marry any of the land for they will seduce you and turn you away from following God.

We have virtually the same commandment in the New Testament in: **2Co 6:14 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"** I believe this, and other scriptures, teaches us that; believers in Christ should not marry those who are not believers in Christ. It is an invitation to much sorrow and heartache.

Yes, I know that Paul, in **2Co 6:14**, is telling the Corinthians to not mix the world and church, or worship of God, together. But certainly you can see the same application in marriage. As you go on through the bible you will find many mixed marriages and they almost always brought trouble into the lives of God's people.

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.

Abraham warns the servant, and reminds him, that God has given him and his seed the possession of the land where they are dwelling. He reminds us; he came from another place, which was not the land of promise, and this is why he instructs the servant to not carry his son away from this land of promise.

This is a good warning to us today. God has given us the Church of Christ, and we should not be willing to depart from it, or send our children away from it. We should make provision for our children that anything they need, from another place, be brought to them, without them departing from the land of promise.

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.

We see the faith of Abraham now is full. Since his name was changed to Abraham, he is steadfast in his faith in God. He reminds this servant; God has promised this land to my children. He affirms to the servant; God will be with you in the journey. God will provide everything necessary for you to be prosperous, in fulfilling the duty which I am asking you to swear upon an oath to do.

We see here a picture of the Church of Grace, as the wife to be gotten from the Father's kindred. How? The Grace Church is seen in that the angel (the Holy Spirit) would go before the servant and prepare the hearts of the people to receive the Saviour. Every heir of grace has been prepared by the Holy Spirit to become a part of the bride of Christ. This bride was not in the Promised Land but in a foreign place. The inhabitants of the church did not come from the Promised Land. They are from this mortal world, and shall be taken to the final and true land of promise, the new and eternal heaven and earth.

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.

He reminds the servant; if God does not prosper his way; he is free from the oath he is making to Abraham. We believe; Abraham is saying to the servant; if God doesn't use this means to supply Isaac a wife, then God has another means and I have erred in sending you.

"And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee" As we think upon this; we remember another scripture: ***Ps 110:3 "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power,"*** This confirms to us; if Abraham is sending the servant on a true mission, God's power will work everything out, and the damsel will be willing. It also speaks to us of the born again sinner; when the Holy Spirit comes and seeks us out; we will be willing to go wheresoever we are led in Christ.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.

The servant, a type of the Holy Spirit, is the one that is sent to us today, to proclaim the Father is seeking a wife for his Son, who shall inherit the Father's entire house.

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.

The servant's name (found in; ***Ge 15:2***) is Eliezer which means; *God of help*. The Holy Spirit has a bountiful supply of the Father's abundance, to bring to the sinner and convince them to be betrothed to the Son.

Notice also that this servant was not a slacker. He was well learned in all things pertaining to his master, and knew what he must take with him to accomplish the masters will. A picture for us that Jesus brought with him everything needed to procure his bride on earth.

This is a good lesson for us: we should spend our time wisely, and know our Father's business, even as Jesus said to his parents in: ***Lu 2:49 "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"***

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.

We see that Abraham's servant has learned to be faithful to God, as well as to Abraham. He has learned from his master; all things are to be done with prayer and thanksgiving. Notice that he is essentially praying to God saying; thy will be done.

We see; the servant asked for knowledge that God had shown kindness to Isaac. God is going to prove that to him beyond a shadow of doubt. God will prove to this servant that God is the provider of all things, even of wives; as seen in: ***Pr 19:14 "House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD."***

This is true in our own lives today. We should exercise caution and patience in seeking wives and husbands. We should approach this undertaking with much prayer and await direction from God. We need to evaluate, the intents of our hearts and minds, to make certain that we are seeking the one whom God has prepared for us. We should not be making decisions to marry based on the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, or the love of money.

This would not only be true in nature, but is applicable to our spiritual lives as well. The church we join ourselves to, should be one that is sound in faith and practice and observes ***"thus saith the Lord"*** not "thus saith the world."

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.

We see; God has directed the faithful servant to the right place to accomplish his will. God does the same thing today if; we are willing and obedient, and listen attentively to what he tells us in his word, through the ministrations of the Holy Spirit. God also put Rebekah in the right place at the right time, and as we shall see; God has prepared her heart for what is going to happen in the next few hours.

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.

We notice; the damsel was very fair and she was virtuous. This teaches us; we should live virtuous lives and present ourselves in a way that we are seen as very fair. This is not necessarily on the outside of our bodies, but most especially the intents of our hearts should shine forth and our countenances make us recognized as God's people.

We see that God is starting to prepare this servant to receive unshakable faith in God. Oh, if we could all be blest to have this kind of faith in God, and in our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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.

Now we see the servant worshiping God in thanksgiving, and believing that God has done what Abraham told him he would do, which was to send the angel of the Lord before him to prepare and prosper his way.

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.

We see that Laban has knowledge of God, and here acknowledges that God had sent Abrahams servant to them. Laban tells Abraham's servant; we have made ready to receive you into our home. We are also prepared to attend to your 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.

Notice; Abraham's servant would not even eat until he had told his errand. What significance is that to us? Before we set down to the communion table to eat bread and drink wine, we must first tell our errand to the church, and be received into the church. We must first make our confession, that Christ is our Saviour and Lord, and we must relieve our hearts first, and then eat.

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.

The servant begins by telling who his master is, and what his master possesses. Now, let's begin to put these texts into perspective for us today. The servant is representative of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, in the born again sinner's heart and soul, is what makes the people willing to publicly confess and to seek fellowship in church membership. It also moves God's ministers, and people, to tell of the riches and glory of the Father's House in the eternal heaven.

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.

Next, the servant tells of the miraculous birth of his master. This is a picture of the born again sinner, telling of the miraculous rebirth that has happened to them, and acknowledging that Christ is now their master.

The servant acknowledges that the father has given all to his master. We know that God the Father has given all things into the hands of Jesus Christ, seen in scripture in: ***Mt 11:27 "All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him."***

Here are a few of the riches of the Father's house:

- Jesus has furnished to us salvation by grace, a gift from God to us.
- Jesus has provided for us strength to withstand temptation
- Jesus has established the church of Salvation by Grace and it is our land of promise in this life.
- Jesus has furnished this land of promise, the church, with the written word of God, ministers to preach the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, love and fellowship with God's people, and restored fellowship with God.
- In the eternal perspective; we have the promise of eternal life, resurrected incorruptible and immortal bodies; a life with no sin, no sorrows, no sickness, joy unspeakable, mansions, streets of gold, a perfect place of eternal paradise.

When we witness, the power of God making our way fruitful, the Holy Spirit motivates us to tell the story, of how we were saved by grace through Jesus Christ. The risen, and exalted, Jesus Christ is the husbandman, who has the promise of All that the Father has.

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:

As the servant tells, I have sworn to do this; God the Father made a covenant promise, to send into the world the Messiah, and to save a people unto himself thereby.

We understand that Abraham was in the land of promise but did not at this time have the possession or control of the land; it was still an idolatrous people who inhabited it. Abraham's desire is to have a wife for his son that is of his own lineage. There is a lesson here for us today. We are not to marry our children to ungodliness, and not be married to it ourselves.

38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

Again, we see the picture of Christ leaving heaven, the Promised Land to us, and coming to earth to secure the salvation of "*all*" the Father had given him, seen in:

- ***Joh 17:12 "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled."***
- ***Joh 18:9 "That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none."***

We also see the picture of the Holy Spirit working, on earth, to bring to fruition, that salvation secured by Christ in the lives of God's people, the church of Grace.

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.

We see the faith of Abraham's servant; he even told of his own doubts, and that God provided him a way to be clear of his oath, if the kindred would not do their duty.

It is the Holy Ghost that will not let a sinner rest, until they come and confess that they are convinced, that the promise of salvation is unto their own heart and soul and body. This is why we need to take time, and hear all that a sinner is confessing, when they come to the church asking for a home. I would add; God will prepare us to receive his blessing, if it is of his will.

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;

We notice here, and in verse 14 above, that the servant's prayer was in the singular form. He didn't ask for a multitude of virgins to pick from. He asks God to make the choice for him.

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.

It is a good and necessary thing that oral prayer be made. However, if we are to pray continually; we will have a lot of prayers that are not oral in nature, but the desires of our heart are known to God, just as God heard this servant of Abraham who prayed in his heart. After all; whether aloud or silent, God knows the intents of our hearts and if our prayers are true or not.

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.

We wish to show the difference in the meaning of words, in that time and ours today. When we think of earrings, we think of the jewelry that women today wear that hangs from their ear lobes. In that time; an earring was actually a headband that they wore that had a large jewel that displayed on their forehead. Women wore a lot of jewelry in those days. Many believe it was a simple way of keeping their wealth at hand.

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.

We notice; the servant gives all the glory to God for leading him in the right way. It is the Holy Spirit that guides us on our Christian journey if we heed his instruction, and the Holy Spirit will always remind us; it is Christ who has done the work, not us.

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We notice also; the servant speaks as if the work is already completed. He is now exercising upon the fruit which faith has brought to him.

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.

Now, we see the Holy Spirit working, in the hearts of all the concerned parties, to bring to fruition the will of God. The Holy Spirit causes us to know that God is working, when he brings a sinner to repentance, and guides them to the church to be received into the Promised Land,

here on earth, the church of Christ. Don't forget; this picture presents to us the eternal perspective also.

52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.

Do you remember the feeling you had, when you realized in your heart that you had received the message that you were to be married to Christ? The feeling you had when you made your confession to the church, and the church made that motion and extended to you the right hand of fellowship? You were by the Holy Spirit made able to truly worship God in thanksgiving.

How thankful we should be every day, that we have the promise of a promised land and the fruits thereof, that we have the promise of eternal life with the Lord in the eternal world, and that we shall be present at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

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.

We see in this verse, that an abundance of riches were given to Rebekah, and her family received some. Now, God showers the natural blessings down upon the just and the unjust alike, but his abundance, forgiveness of sins, is for his own people. Where did all the riches that were given to Rebekah go? I believe that they went back with Rebekah and were returned to the Master's possession. The reason I believe this is; that is how God works. He tells us plainly in scripture that His Word will not return unto him void. All that is here on earth is going to perish and go away, but the gifts given to Rebekah, the bride, the church, will return to the Father's house in the eternal heaven.

Notice; who gets what in the distribution of the gifts. Rebekah's gifts are named gifts, not just precious things. Why? Rebekah is representative of the bride of Christ. Rebekah is receiving a different gift than what is given to the natural world. We read in Revelation, and other parts of the bible, that in the eternal heaven there will be jewels of silver, jewels of gold, and raiment. This is a picture given to us here; that our hope for the eternal heaven will be sure and steadfast.

You see, God has given us, through his Son, purified minds, souls and bodies, which is representative of the jewels of silver. The jewels of gold are representative, of the completed works upon which are walks are to be based here, just as in the eternal city we will walk upon the streets of pure gold. Here, and there, we are robed in the raiment that Christ has washed in his blood and made white. We shall wear in the eternal life robes of the righteousness of Christ.

God's gift of salvation is not to every person in the world. It is for his own chosen people. Though God, in his infinite mercy, pours out his blessing upon all people in the provisions of the earthly things, he gives to his own, above and beyond the natural scope of things in nature, the forgiveness of sins, salvation and eternal life, the betrothal to Jesus Christ, and the hope of Eternal glory as the Lamb's wife.

The Holy Spirit brings to us today, of the abundance of the Father's house, through the preaching of the gospel of Christ, the ministrations unto our hearts, souls and minds, revealing Christ to us from the bible, and any of the numberless ways, which God uses to make his blessing of abundance available to us in this life.

Through fellowship, love to one another, love of his Church, love of his Word, faith in his name, faith in Christ, faith in the promise of eternal life, faith in the belief he gives us in our hearts, and many more. God is abundant in all that he possesses and gives of it all to us, especially the gift of salvation here in this world.

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.

We see here; the Holy Spirit of God is still working in this servant, as he cannot rest until he has accomplished his master's will. So it should be in our own lives, that until we have been received into the church of Christ, we cannot rest nor have comfort.

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.

I will tell you from experience; satan will do everything he can to hinder your life and journey in Christ, and to cause you to falter in the way. Notice here; the temptation is to tarry and wait. We should remember what scripture teaches us in: **2Co 6:2 "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"** Time wasted is a tool of the devil.

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.

Notice; the servant said "***hinder me not.***" Read Hymn 188 in the Lloyd Hymnal.

188 C. M. Hinder me not

- 1 *In all my Lord's appointed ways, My journey I'll pursue, Hinder me not ye much-loved saints, For I must go with you.*
- 2 *Through floods and flames, if Jesus lead, I'll follow where he goes; Hinder me not, shall be my cry, Though earth and hell oppose.*
- 3 *Through duty, and through trials too, I'll go at his command, Hinder me not, for I am bound, To my Emmanuel's land.*
- 4 *And when my Saviour calls me home, Still this my cry shall be, Hinder me not; come, welcome death, I'll gladly go with thee.*

The servant requests to be sent away, to the completion of his vow. He has not forgotten he is a servant of his own master, and he needs be about his master's business.

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

We see here a picture of how the satanic spirit will tempt us to tarry and wait. Notice that they now asked Rebekah, which says to me; satan will always be tempting us to make that choice of following the leading of the Holy Spirit, and denying the urgency of salvation to be made manifest in our lives.

How sad it is to see, that many just linger and tarry around the pool, and do not enter into the rest of salvation here. There is a reason that God provided us with a church here. There is a reason that the bible, God's Word, teaches us that with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

God established a pattern by giving us the bible. How? Here is a written testimony to us of Salvation by Grace. We need to leave a record, here on earth, that we had salvation by Grace manifested in our lives. There is a reason that the church keeps a record of its membership.

There is a reason that we are to confess with our mouths. I urge you to not leave this earth and sleep in death, without telling someone, your natural family, and especially the church, that you have received salvation from Christ. Confess that you believe that Christ died to pay your sin debt that you couldn't pay. Do not leave this earth believing that you can in any way effect salvation by grace, without it being the gift of God. Do not leave this world with no one knowing that you have been given the gift of Eternal Life.

If you see, and understand, these pictures we are painting by preaching the Gospel of Christ to you, then you have an evidence, that you have received that precious gift of Eternal life and you need to make it manifest. Do not forget that Jesus said in; ***Mt 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."*** You see; we must be very careful about our actions here, concerning the salvation of our souls, and the Hope of eternal life. Be diligent and willing lest you be rejected in the Day of the Lord Jesus.

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

We notice here that Rebekah was willing. Why is she willing to go to marry a man she has never seen that lives in a far country? Because, just as Abraham told the servant; the angel of the Lord has gone before him and prepared her heart for this occasion. The Holy Spirit has filled her with a desire to marry this man she has never seen. The same is true for us today, being born again, we have a desire to go to another country and be forever with the Lord. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

This is a picture of the church of Salvation by Grace and Christians today, how? Remember the scriptures in: ***Ps 110:3 "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth."*** You see the picture; "***The Word***" has gone forth into the hearts of God's people, and guess what scripture says about that? ***Isa 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."***

Now make application of this principle, taught by scripture, to yourself. Are you desirous to meet the Son, whom you have never seen, but of whom you have heard? Do you desire to be married to the Son who has inherited all the Father has?

This is why we join the church of Salvation by Grace here in this world. It is the declaration of our faith, in the promise of God the Father, and the Son, who has sent the Holy Spirit to this earth to bring you tidings of the good news of Salvation by Grace. Are you willing to go on this journey, with the expectation of meeting the Son at the end of the journey?

59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

Strict attendance, to the ministrations of the Holy Spirit in our lives, will be a joy in our lives, because, we will see the hand of God working, and the angel going before us, to prepare the way, and bring to perfection God's will.

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.

Notice; when they saw the faith of Rebekah, and the steadfastness of the servant, to do his master's will, their own hearts were changed and they began to praise God, and bless the faithful ones. There is certainly a good lesson for us, in the example set forth here, as to how willing we should be to declare our faith in God by; joining the church, and doing The Father's will.

Because we have been received into the church, doesn't mean that we now have a free ride, and that all will be peaches and ice cream.

- It does mean; we have been drafted into a war that is continual, until we die and leave this earth.
- It does mean; we all have a duty to do, and that we should diligently ask God to guide us to do his will, in everything we say and do.
- It does mean; if we do not do God's will, there will be a consequence to bear, as God may deem our offence worthy of.
- It does mean; we are to give God all the glory, the Honor, and the Praise for the abundance of his gifts to us and for eternal life.

Finally, we see the picture; the Holy Spirit is at work today, urging people to haste to be about the Father's business. We see the Holy Spirit bringing to fruition, salvation by Grace to God's chosen people.

We see the picture; the Holy Spirit will continue and remain "**tarried all night**" on the earth, doing the Father's business, until the last heir of Grace is brought to new life in Christ Jesus, and the Father's will is accomplished, on and with the earth "**and they rose up in the morning.**"

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.

Notice the faith that Rebekah has in God; she followed the servant to be the wife of a man she has never seen? When we are brought to the church of Christ; we are betrothed to a man we have never seen physically, Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. Her faith is strong, why? She has received the jewels, the raiment, heard of the miraculous birth of her future husband, and heard of the abundance of her future husband's wealth. The same is true for us in our Christian walk, as seen in:

- **1Co 4:16** "*Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*"
- **1Co 11:1** "*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*" Paul's call, and instruction to them, was to follow Christ in full faith and trust as you see me doing.
- **Eph 5:1** "*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;*"
- **Php 3:17** "*Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.*" Paul is again instructing us to follow those people who demonstrate that they are walking in faith here, with our focus on following Christ.
- **1Th 1:6** "*And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:*"
- **1Th 2:14** "*For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:*" Here we see; we are to follow churches that are pure and sound in their doctrinal beliefs and practices. Churches that are rightly dividing the Word of Truth and preaching and teaching the Word of God and the Gospel of Christ Jesus.
- **Heb 6:12** "*That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*" Here, we have scriptural direction, to be expedient in our following of Christ.
- **1Pe 3:13** "*And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?*"

62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.

Lahairoi means; *well of a living (One) my Seer*. When we are betrothed to Christ, we are living "*in the way of*" the well of the living One. Remember the scripture in:

- **Joh 4:14** "*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*"
- **Joh 14:6** "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"

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.

Meditate means; *muse pensively*. Muse means; *to ponder, converse with oneself, commune, complain, declare, meditate, pray, speak*. Jesus himself often went, in the evening, to a garden, or remote place, and prayed and talked with God the Father about accomplishing the Father's will, and pleading that we sinners might live.

We see a good lesson here for us even today. Let us every evening before we retire, look upon the handiwork of God, and meditate on the multitude of the blessings that God has bestowed upon us that day.

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.

Notice; the future bride saw the coming of her future husband. This is the picture that scripture gives of us looking for the coming of Christ. Notice, she got off her transportation and made herself ready to be received as a bride. On this earth, a repenting sinner must get off of, "their own works as a means of salvation," and prepare to be received as a ready bride. ***Eph 2:8-9; 8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."***

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.

Indeed, the day is coming when the Holy Spirit shall show us the Son of God, coming in his power and glory to receive unto himself his ready bride. Then, we shall be carried into the eternal heaven and live forever with our Lord. What a wonderful prospect, of the eternal salvation Christ has provided for us. Let us be faithful in serving God now, and look steadfastly for the coming of our Saviour and Lord. Come Lord Jesus, Come quickly!