

The Marriage of Isaac with Rebekah Part 1

“I Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. 4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.” (Genesis 12:1-4 KJV)

In response to God’s call and at the age of seventy-five years old Abraham left his country and his father’s house and went to a place that God showed him to go. Abraham, when God called him, was childless, so he resorted to having children from Hagar the servant of his wife. At the age of eighty-six years old, Abraham got Ishmael from Hagar. At the age of one hundred years old, Abraham got Isaac from his wife Sarah. At the age of one hundred and two years old Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away in response to God’s command.

“1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. 15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, 16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. 19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together

to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba. 20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor; 21 Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, 22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. 23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. 24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.” (Genesis 22:1-24 KJV)

Abraham in the above passage was tested by the Lord. At that time his age was around one hundred and fifteen years old. He had his only son Isaac, and here God asked him to offer him as a burnt offering. Abraham obeyed God and in doing such, he imparted obedience to God in the life of his son Isaac.

In preparing for Godly marriage parents need to be obedient to God, as well as they should train their children to obey God so that their future will be secured and to be endorsed living within Godly families. In preparation for Godly marriage from the chosen passage of **Genesis 22** we can conclude the following important lessons:

I. Parents obedience is essentials: Abraham obeyed God’s command immediately and willingly to offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering. Abraham was willing to travel a journey of three days and to climb a mountain to reach the place that God had asked him to reach. Even in that old age, he was diligent and not lazy. He was not controlled by his heart’s feelings or emotions to withhold his only son Isaac from being offered to God. That had left a good template for Isaac to follow and to live his life in total obedience to God.

II. Parents should lead their children into the right faith: Abraham led his son Isaac to the right place of worship and taught him the sincere faith. Abraham brought Isaac to the region of Moriah, the same place where our Lord Jesus was crucified. The worship on that mountain was complete. Two people came to do the whole will and the command of God. God the Father was there, represented by the angel of the Lord. God the Son was there, symbolized by the ram, the Lamb of God. God the Holy Spirit was there, symbolized by the fire. God’s Word was there, symbolized by the knife. God’s church, the ministry set up, and discipline were there, symbolized by the altar that Abraham built and bounded his son, Isaac, on it.

Our children should be trained that in trials and time of testing that God should be honored, and that God will provide but they need to obey first. ***“7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.” (Genesis 22:7-8 KJV)*** Abraham’s answer to Isaac’s question was clear and Isaac accepted gladly what his father spoke to him. Jesus laid his life in obedience to God the Father, and Isaac was willing to lay his life in obedience to his father Abraham as his father Abraham was obeying God the Father.

III. Parents should help their children to reach the good plan that God had for them: Many they think that a good future will meet their children if they will give them good food and spend on them and put them in a good school and make them finish good colleges. These are important things but all are non-essential. **To train them and enable them to do and obey God’s will is essential and that what is needed.** Isaac needed his father to lead him and make

him climb the mount of Moriah and would need him to bind him on the altar. **Children cannot do such things without the help of their parents or their spiritual parents. Children should be trained, that in trials and the time of testing, God will provide but after they had obeyed.** “13 *And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.*” (Genesis 22:13 KJV)

IV. Obedient parents would be able to see the good plan of God to their children: God promised Abraham on that setup the following: “17 *That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*” (Genesis 22:17-18 KJV) This plan that God would bless and multiply Abraham will come true and possible through Isaac when Isaac would have a Godly family.

For Isaac to have a Godly family, he should have a suitable partner to help him to achieve that. We had read at the end of *Genesis 22*, “*That it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor; 21 Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, 22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. 23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. 24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.*” (Genesis 22:20-24 KJV)

Rebekah's name was mentioned here as a descendant from Nahor the brother of Abraham. God prepared Rebekah to be a wife to Isaac. Therefore when Abraham and Isaac obeyed God and did His will, the Lord revealed this information to Abraham and unfolded to him the good plan that He has for his son, Isaac. At that time when Abraham offered Isaac, Isaac was probably around fifteen to twenty years old. Isaac married Rebekah at the age of forty years old. **So you can conclude here that as you are willing to obey the Lord, then He will reveal to you the good plan that He has for your children even ahead of time.**

The Lord has always a good plan for your children, and this plan will unfold and come true only when you fully obey Him and do His will in raising your children in full obedience to the Lord.

Abraham at the appointed time for Isaac's marriage he commissioned the servant of his household and he sent him to bring the woman that God promised and kept for Isaac. *Genesis 24* speaks in details about this event and speaks in details about the servant of Abraham how his full obedience to Abraham's instruction that came from God made his mission successful:

This servant of Abraham was God's servant, “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.*” (Genesis 24:1-2 KJV) Here we can observe the following requirements that this servant accomplished to fulfill his calling to bring God's choice of a wife to Isaac:

A. Abide with the instructions: Abraham entrusted his servant with a great task and he did the task wholeheartedly and without compromising. Abraham in his old age was facing the task of finding a wife for his son Isaac. Abraham would not be able to go and even Isaac is not

allowed to go on that mission, therefore God called that man to do that particular task. Isaac couldn't take any woman from the Canaanites around them, so Abraham told to his servant: “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.*” (Genesis 24:3 KJV) That was the instruction that this servant committed himself to do for God and for his teacher Abraham who instructed him with the Word of God. *** In the same way our children should not from non believers for they will pull them away from God. * To serve God especially in pertain to achieve Godly marriages you need to abide by the instruction that you are receiving. You are an important person for God to do Him such a task and once you commit yourself to do it then you need to abide by the given instruction.**

B. Verify any doubt with the one who gave you the instruction to grasp the spiritual principle behind the instruction: The Lord had put in the heart of Abraham that there will be a woman from his old family who is willing to come out from that tradition and religion and join them in their new life for God and she will be the right woman for Isaac. So he instructed his servant with the following: “4 *But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. (Genesis 24:4 KJV)* Then the servant asked him, “5 *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?*” (Genesis 24:5 KJV) The servant knew that it will be hard for a woman to leave her family and move to live far away from them. That is why he was verifying with Abraham about all the possibilities, and that what made Abraham affirmed to him the following, “6 *And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.*” (Genesis 24:6 KJV) The point of Abraham that his son Isaac should not go back to the old religion and tradition because when God had called Abraham He told him, “1 *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee.*” (Genesis 12:1 KJV) So Abraham now was working to ensure that his son Isaac would not go back to what he was before God had called him. This faithful servant was not taking the instruction blindly but with deep understanding. The instruction that Abraham put on his servant is difficult but the principle behind was noble and Godly one, of not to take Isaac back to the place where God had taken out Abraham. **Many people when God calls them and when they receive the instruction they will not verify the principle behind the instruction.**

When the principle has not grasped the people instead of serving with joy and faith they will go on with heavy heart, frustration, and grumbling. That servant did not go to the right or the left but he verified it directly with Abraham. *** When you receive instruction and you are not convinced or happy with then at once verify it with the person who gave it to you and find out the bottom line of the spiritual principle behind it so that you can grasp, obey and put it into action. * Therefore as you are reading the instructions that we give to you from God's Word about Godly marriage, verify the instruction with us to clear out any doubt in your mind in pertaining to this matter so that you can find out the bottom line and the spiritual principle behind it so that you can grasp, obey with joy and put into action.**

C. Take the call of God and obey Him with faith: Abraham imparted the message of faith to his servant to do the required task as he told him, “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.*” (Genesis 24:7 KJV) And he made it also clear to him that in no way to compromise and bring his son back there, “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.” (Genesis 24:8 KJV) When you grasp the calling of God, you will serve Him with faith, for He is there to back you up and you do not need to compromise with anyone regarding the issue of Godly marriage. What Abraham was telling him, that he does not need to compromise with the woman if she will not comply with God’s calling for her to be a wife to Isaac then he should not go along with her wishes.

D. Do not be afraid to commit yourself to obey the call of God: The servant complied with God’s call and committed himself to do the task: *“And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.” (Genesis 24:9 KJV) Commit yourself to work with God to bring to life Godly marriages.*

E. Be diligent in your service to do this ministry: *“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. 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.” (Genesis 24:10-11 KJV) The servant moved with faith in God, and in His heart, he wanted to achieve the task faithfully and swiftly to God and his master Abraham. Do not linger or hanged on when God is calling you. But be quick to put on the ground the mission of God.*

My Dear and Beloved: Humble down before God, and He will lift you up in due time. Follow all the instructions that you received in this message and do your best to apply them in your life and in the life of your family and children and in the life of the church and the ministry that you are placed in.

Stand firm in faith and do not compromise. Do not accept the idea of marriages with the non believers and do not go back to the old culture and the tradition that contradict the Word of God. Stand firm, trust Him and obey Him and He will provide for you. Let us pray

My Prayer: *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your Word that showed me a clear example that I can apply in my life to live in accordance to your will and plan. Lord thank you for all the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message. Lord thank you for all your good promises to me as I put my full trust on you.*

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your worldliness, and your love for money and material things. Confess and renounce your pride, disobedience, non teachable spirit, stubbornness and non willingness to abide with instructions. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God, especially in pertain to marriage. Confess and renounce your non willingness to discipline your children and raising them in the fear of God. Confess your lack of reading God’s Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, many friends and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce your bad example and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____ .

Lord I commit myself to serve you and to live my life according to your plan and will for me, and according to the teaching that I received in this message in pertain to children discipline and in pertain to Godly marriages. Lord I humble myself before you and accept your will and your plan for me and to set good example to others to follow. Lord I am willing to serve you and I am committing myself to the task entrusted to me to do. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me so I will continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and humbled themselves willing to follow your will and plan for them, to be instruments of righteousness to raise their children and disciples in a Godly way and preserve to implement the teaching of Godly marriages. Lord I pray for others to have faith on you and on your Word and that you will change them so they will commit their lives to the teaching that we received in this message.

Lord, bless us as your church. and help us to continue to teach and implement the preparation for Godly marriage and to prepare your people to do your will and your plan in their lives, so when you come we are ready to take us. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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