

The Marriage of Isaac with Rebekah Part 2

“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. 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? 6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. 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. 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. 9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter. 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 24:1-11 KJV)

We will continue in this message to speak about how the marriage of Isaac with Rebekah took place. We started to speak of how 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. We spoke about how that servant took the instructions about the marriage of Isaac from Abraham; how he verified with Abraham about if the woman will not be willing to follow him, and we spoke how he took the call of God and obeyed him with faith, and how he committed himself and how he was diligent in that service and ministry that was entrusted to him.

Here in this message we will continue to discuss further from *Genesis 24* the following requirements that this servant of Abraham accomplished to fulfill his calling to bring God's choice of a wife to Isaac:

***F. Be prayerful in applying the instruction given to you:** Whatever the instructions are, prayer can help you to achieve them.* Therefore when the servant reached there he prayed, *“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. 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.” (Genesis 24:12-15 KJV)*

So the servant before he finished praying God answered his prayer because his heart was clean and was set to serve God wholeheartedly, and to obey his teacher Abraham. That

servant knew that it is not God's will to bring Isaac back to the old tradition, so the message of God would be truthfully conveyed to the next generation. *As you commit yourself to keep the principle of Godly marriage, God will answer your prayer as long as you keep faith in Him, living a righteous life, and abiding by the principle of God's call. The prayer of a righteous man avails much.* This servant did not pray much but he obeyed much and that is why his prayer was answered. *Therefore obey much then you will find yourselves know how to pray, as well as you will find yourself in the field and the harvest of answered prayers.*

G. Act as a watchman and with discretion to be sure of God's choice and how He is answering your prayers: *“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. 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.” (Genesis 24:16-21 KJV)* God truly answered those servant's prayers and confirmed them as he watched closely how God was moving to help him to achieve the mission entrusted to him. *As your heart is fully committed to serve God and to do His will, then the Lord will help you and uphold you with His grace to do His will.* God confirmed to the servant the instructions that he received from his master Abraham and the things went very smoothly as you read that whatever that servant asked God in prayers, He confirmed them to him and showed him clearly the virgin that the Lord had kept as a wife for Isaac. *“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.” (Genesis 24:22-25 KJV)* God had kept a virtuous wife for Isaac, who is generous and hospitable to the strangers and who will know how to care for the affairs of her house. *As we commit ourselves to the instructions of God's Word in pertaining to Godly marriage, the Lord shall raise the meet help partners to our Godly men to start Godly families.*

H. Praise and thank God for what He achieves to you in your mission as you are willing to go forward and obey Him: *“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.” (Genesis 24:26-27 KJV)* The servant of Abraham praised and thanked the Lord for the achievement that he accomplished. *While we are doing the mission work and serving Him, the Lord would achieve certain things, and we need to be very careful and not forget to thank Him. In this way, we are acknowledging His faithfulness toward us in the task we do. Therefore, rejoice as you watch everything is arranged for you, as had happened with that faithful servant.*

I. Remember always that the steps of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord: *“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. 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.” (Genesis 24:28-32 KJV) Truly the steps of the feet of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord as God’s Word said “*The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*” (Psalm 37:23 KJV) **Things will fall in place and God will be glorified in your service and ministry as you delight to serve Him wholeheartedly. Therefore, live a righteous life, obey the instructions, commit yourself to implement the teaching of Godly marriage and God will direct your steps toward what is good for you and for others whom you are serving.**

J. Do the mission of God first; put the priority of implementing the instruction of Godly marriage first and do not let food delay you: “*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.*” (Genesis 24:33 KJV) The servant was so faithful to Abraham and God, that even after a long journey he would not eat in their house unless he will tell them why he came and unless they will agree with him and send the girl with him. So he was bold and he told them the whole story: “*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. 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. 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: 38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son. 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. 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; 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. 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. 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. 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.*” (Genesis 24:34-49 KJV) The servant briefly and precisely told them everything and waited for their decision. There is no way that Isaac will go back, but Rebekah to come out

and follow the way of God that Abraham and Isaac are following. If the family of Rebekah will agree he will eat, if not then that servant of Abraham will go back.

Be always careful about food. Devil will use food to tempt you as he tempted the woman in Genesis 3, “*1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*” (Genesis 3:1-7 KJV) Devil not only tempted the woman but he even tempted Jesus as we read here, “*1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*” (Matthew 4:1-4 KJV)

K. Do not be afraid of people: The family of Rebekah agreed to do God’s will, “*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. (Genesis 24:50-51) As you obey God He will be the one to bend the people before you and you do not need to be afraid nor compromise.*

L. Give always the credit to God: “*52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. 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. 54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night.*” (Genesis 24:52-54) **Never forget to praise God and give Him all the glory as He answers your prayers and helps you to achieve and implement steps forward toward Godly marriages.**

M. Be firm and never compromise with men: “*And they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. 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. 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. 57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth. 58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.*” (Genesis 24:54-58) The family of Rebekah after they agreed they wanted to delay the servant ten days more, and most likely, what they will do in these ten days, the traditional and the ritual things that they used to practice, and maybe they will ask him money, or even they may change their minds. But the servant was firm with them and his mind was clear; he challenged them that he is going back and he will not delay, and he forced them to ask the girl

if she is willing to go with him then he will take her. Truly they were put in their right place and comply with God's will. ***"59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 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. 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."*** (Genesis 24:59-61 KJV) The servant was so faithful to the mission of God and to the principles of God in implementing Godly marriages. He was not a worldly man. Someone else might stay and enjoy food and celebration or have a tour around in the region and see nature. **Worldliness will not help us in our walk with God but it makes our life and our mission work more difficult.**

N. Report everything honestly: ***"62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. 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. 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. 66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done."*** (Genesis 24:62-66) The faithful servant reported the whole story of how God led him and how God answered his prayer and how He gave him the wisdom to speak and how finally Rebekah came out from that tradition and faith, and now she joined the faith of Abraham and Isaac.

O. Rejoice that others are blessed with your ministry in having Godly families: ***"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."*** (Genesis 24:67 KJV) **God will reward you for your service to Him as you are serving His faithful people, raising Godly marriages, Godly families, and bringing the truth to the next generation.**

My Dear and Beloved: Let us go again through the instructions that the servant of Abraham obeyed, so we too will take heed of the message, follow its principles and be faithful to God and to the instructions that we received from Him.

1. Abide by the instruction.
2. Verify any doubt with the one who gave you the instruction to grasp the spiritual principle behind the instruction.
3. Take the call of God and obey Him with faith.
4. Do not be afraid to commit yourself to obey the call of God.
5. Be diligent in your service to do this ministry.
6. Be prayerful in applying the instruction given to you.
7. Act as a watchman and with discretion to be sure of God's choice and how He is answering your prayers.
8. Praise and thank God for what He achieves for you in your mission as you are willing to go forward and obey Him.
9. Remember always that the steps of the righteous man are ordained by the Lord.
10. Do the mission of God first; put the priority of implementing the instruction of Godly marriage first and do not let food delay you.
11. Do not be afraid of people.
12. Give always the credit to God.

13. Be firm and never compromise with men.

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15. Rejoice that others are blessed with your ministry in having Godly families.

As that servant obeyed the instruction of Abraham and secured a Godly wife for Isaac to have Godly children, and for the truth of God's Word to pass to the next generation, you also do the same; stand firm, be on your guard, and do not compromise so that the truth and the message of God will pass faithfully to the next generation and Godly marriages will be happening and Godly families will be coming to life.

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 and the teaching that I received today of how to arrange and prepare for Godly marriages. Lord thank you for your calling to me to do this ministry that you entrusted to me to do.*

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your doubts, you lack of faith, your worldliness, your love for food, money and material things. Confess and renounce your compromises and your traditional practices that contradict the Word of God. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God, especially in pertain to marriage. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, having many friends and in bondage with the Media. Confess and renounce your lack of commitment 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 according to the teaching that I received in this message in pertain to Godly marriages. Lord I accept the task that you entrusted to me to do. Lord lead me with your Holy Spirit, answer my prayers and ordained my steps to move in the direction that you want me to move. 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 committed themselves to serve you in this ministry of preparing for Godly marriages. Lord I pray that you will use them to form many Godly families in accordance to your will.

Lord, bless us as your church. and help us to continue to implement the teaching of preparation for Godly marriage and to work with you to form Godly families. 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 new 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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