

A CHOSEN WIFE

Genesis 24:1-4

Wife : A **woman** joined in marriage **to a man** and considered as **his spouse**. The **woman** that you are married to.

In the world you could marry a tree if you wanted to. You can marry any way you want in the world. But under Gods rule for marriage, it is a man and a woman. No ifs no and no buts. The bible says **male and female together**. The **word of God** cannot change and we cannot change the bible. All of us is trying to get to heaven and all of us must follow the instructions (The word of God)

1 . Genesis 24:1-4

A . And Abraham was old, *and* well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 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: 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: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

B . Abraham was now a very old man. The LORD had made him rich, and he was successful in everything he did. One day, **Abraham called in his most trusted servant and said to him**, "Solemnly promise me in the name of the LORD, who rules heaven and earth, that you won't choose a wife for my son Isaac from the people here in the land of Canaan. Instead, **go back to the land where I was born and find a wife for him from among my relatives.**"

2 . Genesis 24:5-7

A . 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? And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. 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.

B . But the servant asked, "What if the young woman I choose refuses to leave home and come here with me? Should I send Isaac there to look for a wife?" "No!" Abraham answered. "Don't ever do that, no matter what. The LORD who rules heaven brought me here from the land where I was born and promised that he would give this land to my descendants forever. When you go back there, the LORD will send his angel ahead of you to help you find a wife for my son.

3 . Genesis 24:8-9

A . 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. **And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master**, and sware to him concerning that matter.

B . If the woman refuses to come along, you don't have to keep this promise. But don't ever take my son back there." So the servant gave Abraham his word that he would do everything he had been told to do.

Put your hand under mu thigh (leg): This showed that this was a very important promise and that Abraham trusted his servant to keep it.

4 . Genesis 24:10-11

A . 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. 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.**

B . Soon after that, the servant loaded ten of Abraham's camels with valuable gifts. Then he set out for the city in northern Syria, where Abraham's brother Nahor lived. When he got there, he let the camels rest near the well outside the city. **It was late afternoon, the time when the women came out for water.**

5 . Genesis 24:12-14 **The servants prayer**

A . **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. Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: **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.**

B . **The servant prayed:** You, LORD, are the God my master Abraham worships. Please keep your promise to him and let me find a wife for Isaac today. The young women of the city will soon come to this well for water, and I'll ask one of them for a drink. **If she gives me a drink and then offers to get some water for my camels, I'll know she is the one you have chosen and that you have kept your promise to my master.**

6 . Genesis 24:15-17

A . **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. 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. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, **my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.**

B . **While he was still praying,** a beautiful unmarried young woman came by with a water jar on her shoulder. She was Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Abraham's brother Nahor and his wife Milcah. Rebekah walked past Abraham's servant, then went over to the well, and filled her water jar. When she started back, Abraham's servant ran to her and said, "Please let me have a drink of water." **"I'll be glad to," she answered. Then she quickly took the jar from her shoulder and held it while he drank.**

7 . Genesis 24:54-56

A . 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. 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. 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.

B . Abraham's servant and the men with him ate and drank, then spent the night there. The next morning they got up, and the servant told Rebekah's mother and brother, "I would like to go back to my master now." Let Rebekah stay with us for a week or ten days," they answered. "Then she may go. But he said, "Don't make me stay any longer. The LORD has already helped me find a wife for my master's son. Now let us return."

8 . Genesis 24:57-61

A . **And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.** And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, **I will go.** And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 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. 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.

B . They answered, **"Let's ask Rebekah what she wants to do."** They called her and asked, **"Are you willing to leave with this man right now?"** **"Yes,"** she answered. So they agreed to let Rebekah and an old family servant woman leave immediately with Abraham's servant and his men. They gave Rebekah their blessing and said, "We pray that God will give you many children and grandchildren and that he will help them defeat their enemies." Afterwards, Rebekah and the young women who were to travel with her prepared to leave. Then they got on camels and left with Abraham's servant and his men.

9 . Genesis 24:62-65

A . And Isaac came from the way of the **well** Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. 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. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. 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.**

B . At that time Isaac was living in the southern part of Canaan near a place called "**The Well of the Living One Who Sees Me.**" One evening he was walking out in the fields, when suddenly he saw a group of people approaching on camels. So he started toward them. Rebekah saw him coming; she got down from her camel, and asked, "Who is that man?" "He is my master Isaac," the servant answered. **Then Rebekah covered her face with her veil.**

10 . Genesis 24:66-67

A . And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. 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*.

B . The servant told Isaac everything that had happened. Isaac took Rebekah into the tent where his mother had lived before she died, and Rebekah became his wife. He loved her and was comforted over the loss of his mother.

Hope today that we can understand, when God is part of the plan everything works out no matter what.

There are five things you must do to become a Christian

Hear the word , **Believe** what you have heard , **Repent** , **Confess** , and be **Baptized**

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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