

## LESSON 7 - A MARRIAGE ON PROMISE ROAD

### Genesis 24

**THEME:** *To show the closeness of the believer with Christ now and forever.*

We all like to attend weddings. At a wedding we rejoice with the two people who are so happy as they unite their hearts and lives in love. Do you believe God leads people in choosing life partners? He leads those who are trusting His promises. Our guidebook, the Bible, tells us: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass." Psalms 37:5.

Today as we journey on PROMISE ROAD we are going to see how God led in finding a wife for Isaac. Then we are going to attend the wedding, although it may be very different from our weddings today. After years went by, Sarah died and Abraham became very old. He decided it was time for Isaac to be married.

Abraham called his trusted servant and made him promise that he would not find a wife for Isaac from among the heathen Canaanites, but that he would go to Abraham's people. God tells us that we who live in the Day of Grace who are believers should not marry those who are unbelievers. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

The servant departed with 10 camels for carrying supplies and gifts for the woman who was to become the new wife of Isaac. When he arrived at the city of Nahor, Abraham's relative, in Mesopotamia, he stopped beside a well to water his camels. It was the time when women came out to draw water. The servant prayed for guidance, asking God to show him definitely the right woman for Isaac. He asked that it be the woman who would draw water for him. Then he waited to see God's answer.

Soon Rebekah came and she was asked to give him a drink. Immediately she gave water to him and also drew water for all the camels! She fulfilled the requirements. The servant bowed his head and worshiped the Lord. He gave gifts to Rebekah's family to prove to them the wealth and position of Isaac. Rebekah accepted the gifts and trusted the servant. Then he questioned: "Will you go to Isaac?" She answered: "I will go." She stepped forward on the promises. She did not fear going to a strange land and a strange people because she believed the God who led the servant would also care for her.

Their long journey crossed the desert sands under the hot sun, but

Rebekah was not worried about discomforts because she was anticipating the meeting with the one whom she had not seen, whose wife she was to become.

Then one evening Isaac went out into the field to meditate and pray. He lifted up his eyes and saw the camels coming. The servant told Isaac everything and Isaac knew that God had given him Rebekah for his wife. Isaac always loved her dearly because she was sent to him by God.

We are sometimes like Rebekah. We are journeying in this life toward a meeting in the air with One we love. SALVATION LINER represents all those who have received Christ and are waiting for His call from Heaven. The Holy Spirit tells us about Him as we wait. We have not seen Him but we love Him and love to talk about Him and to read His letter to us, the Bible. There He tells us about our spiritual blessings and our position with Him in the heavenlies. There we shall be united with Him forever. Ephesians 1&2. In the meantime, we can talk to Him in prayer and He will answer and lead us in all our ways. Nothing is too large or small to bring before our Lord Jesus.

This was an unusual marriage! Most people want a big celebration, but we know that the key to a happy marriage is love. We can receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour by asking Him into our life very quietly, when we are all alone with Him, or even at a big evangelistic campaign. If we love Him because He died for our sins and tell Him this, we then receive Him as our Saviour. We become ONE with Him. Will you receive Him in this personal way today?

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass." Psalms 37:5.

## LESSON 7 - WORK SHEET

Answer the questions:

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| 1. Means of travel<br>Rebekah used.<br>Genesis 24:61.<br>_____                         | 2. Kind of home Isaac<br>and Rebekah had.<br>Genesis 24:67.<br>_____ |
| 3. Some of the gifts<br>Rebekah received.<br>Genesis 24:22.<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ | 4. Place where servant<br>met Rebekah.<br>Genesis 24:13.<br>_____    |

Fill in the spaces below to show how the experience of Isaac and Rebekah is like our experience today in the Day of Grace.

- Isaac went out of his home to meet Rebekah. Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ come out of \_\_\_\_\_ to meet us. 1 Thessalonians 4:16.
- Rebekah always stayed with Isaac. We will be with Christ \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Thessalonians 4:17.
- Rebekah was a comfort to Isaac. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ one another with this promise. 1 Thessalonians 4:18.
- Isaac received Rebekah and loved her. The Lord Jesus Christ receives us and \_\_\_\_\_ us. 1 John 4:16.
- Rebekah talked of Isaac as she journeyed. We must \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ as we journey on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. Psalms 105:2.
- Write Psalms 37:5 from memory. \_\_\_\_\_  
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