

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 to unite their hearts and lives in love. Do you believe God leads people in choosing life partners? He leads those who are following His instructions and who are trusting His promises which have been given to us by the apostle Paul.

The apostle Paul instructs us that we, who live in the dispensation of Grace and who are believers, should not marry those who are unbelievers. He does this in 2 Corinthians 6:14,15: “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?”. And he promises us in Romans 8:28: “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

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 old. He decided it was time for Isaac to be married. Abraham called his trusted servant and made him swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that he would not take a wife for Isaac among the heathen Canaanites, but that he would go to Abraham’s people (Genesis 24:2-4).

The servant departed with 10 camels for carrying supplies and gifts for the woman who was to become the wife of Isaac. When he arrived outside the city of Nahor, in Mesopotamia, he stopped beside a spring. 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 and who would offer to water his camels also. 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 said that she was a relative of Abraham’s brother Nahor and so she fulfilled the requirements. The servant bowed his head and worshiped the Lord. He was being invited by Laban, the brother of Rebekah, and so he entered their house. There he explained his mission and what happened by the spring.

Laban and Bethuel, Rebekah's father, replied: "The matter comes from the Lord; so we cannot speak to you bad or good. Here is Rebekah before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has spoken." The servant gave gifts to Rebekah's family to prove to them the wealth and position of Isaac. Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night.

The next day the servant wanted to go back to his master but Laban and Rebekah's mother wanted Rebekah to stay for about 10 days. They decided to call Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go." She did not fear going to a strange land and to strange people because she believed that the God who led the servant would also care for her. Rebekah was not worried about discomforts during the journey because she was anticipating the meeting with the one whom she had not seen, the one whose wife she was to become.



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Then one evening Isaac went out into the field to meditate. He lifted up his eyes and saw the camels coming. The servant told Isaac everything and Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent where she became his wife. That was their wedding. Isaac loved her because he knew that God had given him Rebekah for his wife.

We are in some way like Rebekah. We are also journeying in this life toward a meeting with One we have never seen before. But our meeting will be in the air. Therefore SALVATION LINER represents all those who have trusted only Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour from going to hell and who are waiting for His shout from heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16). The Holy Spirit tells us about Him as we travel. We have not seen Him but we love Him and love to talk about Him and to read His guidebook to us, the Bible. There He tells us about our spiritual blessings and our position with Him in the heavenly places. There we shall be united with Him forever. Ephesians 1 and 2. In the meantime, we can talk to Him in prayer and be His ambassador by proclaiming the gospel of the grace of God to the lost ones.

The wedding between Isaac and Rebekah was an unusual wedding. Most people want a big celebration. This is fine as long as we know that the key to a happy marriage is love and respect. And with God's Word at the first place.

MEMORY VERSE: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.

LESSON 7 – WORK SHEET

Answer the questions:

1. What means of travel did Rebekah use? Genesis 24:61. _____
2. What kind of home did Isaac and Rebekah have? Genesis 24:67. _____
3. What gifts did Rebekah receive?. Genesis 24:22. _____

4. Where did the servant meet Rebekah? Genesis 24:13. _____

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

5. Isaac went out to meet Rebekah. Christ will come out of _____ to meet us. 1 Thessalonians 4:16.
6. Rebekah always stayed with Isaac. We will be with Christ _____. 1 Thessalonians 4:17.
7. Rebekah was a comfort to Isaac. We are to _____ one another with the promise to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:18.
8. Isaac loved Rebekah and the Lord Jesus Christ _____ us. Romans 8:37.
9. Rebekah looked forward to meet Isaac as she journeyed. We must _____ to meet our Lord Jesus Christ as we journey on THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE. Titus 2:13.
10. Write Romans 8:28: _____

