

## GENESIS –Lesson 44

Learn: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again to receive you unto myself; that where I am ye may be also. John 14:1-3

Read: Genesis 24:31-67

1. Before any discussion was had concerning Abraham's servant's errand, what was done? vv 32,33a
2. Though Abraham's servant and his people were no doubt tired and hungry, what did the servant require before sharing in a meal? v 33b
3. Though we have read it before, all these things about Abraham and Isaac were new to Rebekah. What was Abraham's servant's testimony concerning himself? v 34

Concerning Abraham's wealth and how he got it? v 35

Concerning Isaac's miraculous birth and his financial status? v 36

4. What was the mission of the servant that he recounted to Rebekah and her family?  
vv 37- 41
5. Give a summary of the thrilling story that the servant recounted of how the LORD led him to Rebekah? vv 43-48

6. Finally the servant came to the important question. What was it? vv 48,49

7. Using verses 50, 51, 57, 58 explain whether or not Rebekah had a choice in this marriage.

What was the foundation of how the family considered whether Isaac was a suitable husband so that there were grounds for Rebekah to be given a choice?

The typological teaching here seems so clear that it should not be passed over. The servant is like the Holy Spirit, who is in the world seeking a Bride for Christ. The bride is to be made up of individuals who receive Him as Lord and Savior, and who therefore will be brought unto Him in regeneration by the Spirit. As the Holy Spirit (through human witnesses, through Scripture, through circumstances) witnesses to the hearts of individuals concerning the glories of Christ, their need of him, and the joys to be found in His presence, they are confronted with the greatest decision of their lives. They cannot ignore Him; they must say either yes or no. If they are united with Him, they must leave the things of the world behind them and submit fully to Him. Many reject the invitation and are separated forever from Him.

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8. What is the promise to those who accept the invitation to be part of the bride of Christ?  
John 1:11,12

9. What was the servant's immediate response when permission was given for Rebekah to marry Isaac? v 52

10. As soon as the servant had given thanks to the LORD, what did he do? v 53

11. The bride of a prince must be provided with new clothing and adornments furnished by the father of the prince. In the same way, the one who is to be the Bride of Christ can no longer be dressed as they once were. What is the dress of all who are not the Bride of Christ? Isaiah 64:6

12. What are the new clothes given to those who become the Bride of Christ?  
Revelation 19:7, 8

13. Using Ephesians 2:5-9, Titus 3:5-7 answer the following questions:

Can a person become the Bride of Christ by being baptized?  
Can a person become the Bride of Christ by participating in a church ritual where a person is given bread and wine and told to eat it for it is the “body of Christ”?  
Are any actions that we can do helpful in making us the bride of Christ?

Another name for the Bride of Christ is the “church.” The “church” is not a building, nor an organization that has been given the name church. Not every place or group that calls itself a church even has people that are the Bride of Christ in it. There are many who make the claim who are not part of Christ at all. God Himself sets the criteria for who is His Bride and His Church in His Word. The Bride and the Church are also called the Body of Christ.

14. How is a person able to become part of The Bride, The Church, The Body of Christ, since there is no work or act that man can perform to meet God’s standard for entry into that relationship?  
I Peter 1:18-21, 23-25

Acts 16:30, 31

Acts 17:24-32

Romans 10:9, 10

15. Once the errand of the servant had been announced and response given they all sat down to eat. As soon as morning came the servant wished to begin the journey back home with the promised bride. The family wished to prolong the farewells. What was the servant’s reply? vv 55, 56

16. What was Rebekah’s answer to the situation? v 58

17. All knew that this marriage was the LORD’S plan. So Rebekah consented immediately to go. So too, it is The Heavenly Father’s desire that each person be saved thereby becoming a part of the Bride of Christ. Once a person understands the gospel, they should immediately make the decision of accept Christ. What does II

Corinthians 6:2 tell us?

18. What blessing did the family give to Rebekah as she left to meet her bridegroom?  
vv 59, 60

19. Describe the first meeting of Rebekah and Isaac. vv 61-65  
Rebekah quickly put on a “veil,” actually a garment which covered both face and body, as this was the proper way, in accord with custom, to first meet her husband –to-be.

20. What was the relationship of Isaac to Rebekah? v 67

21. How is Christ’s relationship to the Church, His Bride, similar to that of Isaac to Rebekah?  
John 14:3

22. How is the bride of Christ’s relationship to her bridegroom similar to Rebekah’s relationship toward Isaac?  
II Corinthians 11:2

Romans 7:2

I Peter 1:8

Revelation 19:7

I Thessalonians 4:17