

Abram's Servant: Devoted & Faithful

Genesis 24:1-20 (CEV)

Abraham was now a very old man. The LORD had made him rich, and he was successful in everything he did. ² One day, Abraham called in his most trusted servant and said to him, "Solemnly promise me ³ 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. ⁴ Instead, go back to the land where I was born and find a wife for him from among my relatives."

⁵ 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?"

⁶ "No!" Abraham answered. "Don't ever do that, no matter what. ⁷ 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. ⁸ If the woman refuses to come along, you don't have to keep this promise. But don't ever take my son back there." ⁹ So the servant gave Abraham his word that he would do everything he had been told to do.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ The young women of the city will soon come to this well for water, ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ Abraham's servant ran to her and said, "Please let me have a drink of water."

¹⁸ "I'll be glad to," she answered. Then she quickly took the jar from her shoulder and held it while he drank. ¹⁹⁻²⁰ After he had finished, she said, "Now I'll give your camels all the water they want." She quickly poured out water for them, and she kept going back for more, until his camels had drunk all they wanted.

1. **Abram's Servant's Enormous Challenge:**

- Abram's servant (possibly Eliezer) is tasked with finding a wife for Abram's son Isaac.
- Abram, being too old, sends his devoted servant on this important mission.

2. **Clear Instructions from Abram:**

- Eliezer receives clear instructions from Abram on where to go and what to do.
- He is not to take Isaac with him, and Abram emphasizes the importance of finding a compatible match for Isaac.

3. **God's Online Help Service - Prayer:**

- Eliezer relies on prayer as a form of divine guidance, seeking God's help in finding a suitable match for Isaac.
- The text humorously likens this to an "online dating" scenario, emphasizing the importance of compatibility in marriage.

4. **Finding Compatibility:**

- Eliezer considers various factors for compatibility, both practical (such as city, age, and family) and deeper qualities (faith in God).
- Rebekah takes a significant risk in following Eliezer, showing her faith and trust.

5. **Dedication to Prayer and God's Leading:**

- Eliezer consistently seeks God's guidance through prayer throughout the process.
- His ultimate secret lies in acknowledging and worshiping the Lord, giving credit to God for the success of his mission.

6. **Valuable Lesson:**

- The narrative teaches a valuable lesson about the blessing of the Lord falling on those who faithfully serve Him.
- Obedience and active service are emphasized as key components in receiving God's blessings.

This passage highlights the importance of faith, prayer, and obedience in seeking God's guidance in various aspects of life.

God is wanting to pour out His blessing.

Are you faithful & devoted?