

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of June 2, 2024

THEME: "Isaac and Rebekah"

ORDERS

Sunday..... Read Genesis 24:1-8

"But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac." Abraham had been instructed by God to leave his native country to go to a new land. That new nation would be one through which God would bless all nations. When Abraham's son Isaac became of age, he wanted him to have a wife from his homeland. The servant was obedient, but that was quite an unusual assignment. He was instructed to find the right woman to be the wife of his master's son. It is amazing that Abraham would trust his servant with such an assignment. Apparently, Isaac agreed with his father that it was a good idea. Isaac truly did respect and honor his father by going along with it. I wonder if Isaac gave the servant any thought about finding the right woman. I assume it was more his faith in God than in the servant. How wonderful that God directs our lives!

THE WELL

Monday.....Read Genesis 24:10-11

"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." It was the practice of the culture at that time for women of the city to go to a well to draw water from it. That is where Abraham's servant hoped he could fulfill his assignment to find the right woman to be Isaac's wife. If it worked, he would not only complete his assignment, but his camels would have their needs met by having a much desired drink of water. We can see God's handwriting all over this drama. God was truly active in arranging things to honor Abraham's desire. It was one step in fulfilling God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:2: *"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing."* That meeting at the well was a step in fulfilling Abraham's promise.

THE PRAYER

Tuesday.....Read Genesis 24:12-14

"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." After having asked God for guidance in fulfilling the mission, the servant came up with a plan. He decided that if a woman offered to provide water for the camels, that would be the one he would consider to be Isaac's wife. How wonderful that God hears and answers prayer! Obviously, the life of Abraham and Sarah had a great influence on the servant. I am quite certain the servant had seen God respond to the prayers of his master Abraham. The most comforting and highest privilege of believers is prayer! Prayers move the hand of God!

THE CONTACT

WednesdayRead Genesis 24:15-17

"And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher." It is interesting to see how God responded to the servant's prayer. When he saw Rebekah, he asked her for a drink of water, and she responded favorably. She then asked if he would like her to give water to the camels also. What an answer to prayer! How true is the admonition of Jeremiah 33:3: *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."* Now the question would be how she would react as well as her family. Praise God that the servant would trust God for the details! Our God has done and will continue to do great and mighty things!

ACCOMMODATIONS

ThursdayRead Genesis 24:23-25

"She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in." The servant realized such a decision would require the agreement of Rebekah's father. He asked about possible overnight accommodations. That would not be a problem. How wonderful that God works out the minutest details when we are seeking His will. Rebekah invited the servant to her residence and they had a place to stay. That is the promise of Philippians 4:19: *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

THE PROPOSAL

FridayRead Genesis 24:49-51

"And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left." The servant explained to Rebekah's father his reason for coming to Ur, and asked his permission to take his daughter to Isaac to become his wife. After hearing details of God's working in the arrangements, the father gave his consent. When she was asked, Rebekah immediately agreed to go with the servant. The trip was an interesting one and her meeting Isaac was memorable. This whole arrangement was obviously a work of God. Praise God, He works out the details in our lives!

THE MARRIAGE

SaturdayRead Genesis 24:63- 67

"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." As the servant's entourage was heading back to the home of Abraham and Sarah, they saw Isaac in the field. He had come out to the field to meditate. While there, he noticed the camels heading toward him. Rebekah got

off the camel, and Isaac approached her. The servant then reported to Isaac all the things that had happened on the trip. Realizing that the servant had accomplished everything Abraham had instructed him to do, he took Rebekah into his parent's tent and joined her in holy matrimony!