

Genesis 24

REBEKAH - THE CALLED OUT ONE

Text: Genesis 24:58: *And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.*

The true meaning of church in the New Testament: She came out from among her people.

A man bought a barometer. When the needle, after a thorough shaking, remained stuck at the sector hurricane, he mailed a scorching letter to the manager of the store where he had bought it. That very evening he returned to find that the barometer was right, for his home was missing. There had been a hurricane.

Many so-called Christians are disregarding the true signs of the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The dial of God's dispensational clock is slowly but surely reaching the midnight hour. The restraining influence of the Holy Ghost, Who is at present withholding the return our blessed Saviour, is about to be removed. This removal of the Spirit will be the closing of the Door of Grace, and will surely bring to an unresponsive world the Lord Jesus Christ, Who shall conduct the Church-Bride unto the Father's House which has been in preparation since Jesus left this sinful world. Then shall be fulfilled the long-sealed word of Daniel's inquiry - *How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?* (Daniel 12:6b)

With exquisite wonder, the Holy Spirit portrays this great New Testament truth though somewhat veiled in the story of the marriage of Rebekah and Isaac. The pen of inspiration photographs first of all father Abraham, Isaac, and the servant as literal characters having actually lived; and the events as actually having occurred. **The remarkable history in this narrative shows the profound importance of every born-again believer in his walk in the Spirit in these perilous times.**

We find Abraham, the father, his only son Isaac, and the servant, a type of the blessed Holy Spirit concentrating upon one major activity. Let us notice carefully the commission that the father gave to this servant which he terms later at Rebekah's house - *my errand*. Abraham said, "*Go unto my country.*" He once dwelled there,

though now far away, he has kindred there and they must be brought from the realm of the godless. So into this lost province, the servant of Abraham was now sent being charged with but a single, clearly worded mission.

With faithful descriptions, God's Word foreshadows this loyal servant of Abraham as the type of the Spirit's fidelity to His trust throughout this present dispensation. Throughout the story, the reverent servant who ruled over all his house, stands out uniquely and yet unnamed as the one who will prepare a bride for Isaac. Thus, the Holy Spirit provides every possible introduction of Christ to sinners that they may fall in love with the One who came to redeem us all from eternal destruction. *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."* (John 16:13)

Isaac is pictured as a thoughtful but unsatisfied man, detached from the world, with a heart aching over the loss of the companionship of his mother, whose tent was empty and whose place none had as yet filled. So lonesome and weary, and ever so wounded, Isaac yearningly awaits a companion who will take the ache out of his heart, and to this end does the servant go into the far country.

He took ten camels and weighted them down with every provision for the bride's journey. Rich possessions of Abraham and Isaac are sent as gifts to Rebekah to give evidence of the rank and noble estate of the bridegroom. **So the Holy Spirit has rich gifts to present to the Church to show us the greatness of our Saviour - as an earnest of our inheritance, unto us who have become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.**

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Isaac first willingly offered his life (a type of Christ) before he could receive his bride.

Abraham sends the servant to get a bride only - not anything else. Before the servant arrives, a hasty petition is sent to heaven and an equally quick response

came. So he came and stationed himself beside a well in the eventide at the time when Rebekah's people were seeking for water for the household, as did the woman of Samaria.

Only empty pitchers may be filled, and thus were the pitchers of Rebekah. She came and provided water for all the servants' camels, little knowing that the time would come when she would no more go there and draw water that never quenches thirst entirely. The time has come when she will take of the Water of Life freely. This living water shall be a well of water springing up into life everlasting in her.



Rebecca giving Abraham's servant water.

How wonderful this servant was to her. What gracious words and manners, the power of his person, his beautiful raiment gotten by Isaac at a fearful cost; what rich jewels he brought from his treasury and gave to her; these being typical of spiritual riches of God in Christ Jesus (precious faith, precious blood, and precious promises). How wonderfully he persuaded her to leave all she held dear in Mesopotamia. How willing she found herself to follow and to put herself within his power and guidance. She felt certain that only this man could take her to a really princely lover.

We may be sure that the last evening at home was a most momentous one for her, a time of trepidation or anxiety as Abraham's messenger unfolded a vision of the wealth and majesty of Abraham and of the perfections of this beloved son, Isaac. He related the father's plans for this, his only son, and for her also who should be chosen as his wife. What a climax in Rebekah's uneventful life. What a marvelous heritage to share, with wealth and honors in a new position as a bride. I John 3:1: ***Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; and if sons, then heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.***

In the morning after his arrival, the servant would be on his way back to Isaac whom he knew was longing for the sight of the coming caravan. Then came the untimely

words of her parents, ***“Let the damsel abide a few days, after that she shall go.” (Genesis 24:55)*** But he refused to be detained.

They called to Rebekah saying, ***“Wilt thou go with this man? She said, I will go.” (Genesis 24:58)*** And the servant took Rebekah, and oh what joy and

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gladness came to the messenger's heart, having remembered the words of Abraham: ***“And if the woman be not willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath; only bring not my son hither again.” (Genesis 24:8)***

All heaven is anxious for our response to the invitation. I will go or I will not go. Heaven awaits three words while hell is anxious about four. Had she refused, then hell would have won; the servant's errand would have failed, Isaac

would stay disconsolate and not comforted, and Abraham's country would still remain in the land of the lost.

Through tears of joy in the servant's eyes, she saw how precious Isaac must surely be; she knew not why, but truly the prize seemed so greatly valued, worth contending for, though she had never seen him. ***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whom having not seen ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.” (I Peter 1:4)***

So Rebekah, having made her decision to leave her own land and go toward Isaac's country, immediately placed herself under the protection and leadership of this great servant. Throughout the trying journey, she relied upon him alone to make known to her the meaning of Isaac's beautiful words, the servant taking the things of Isaac and revealing them unto her. So he seemed to fade away from her presence and Isaac seemed to come near.

How Rebekah marveled at the messenger's words, for they so glorified Isaac that it grew to be Isaac taking her home instead of any other. This took possession of her unconsciously. Howbeit, Jesus said, "*When he the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but he shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.*" (John 16:13)

Rebekah began to look eagerly for the appearing of Isaac whom she loved with the love of God, shed abroad in her heart by the Holy Ghost. She knew nothing of Isaac, except the wooing servant's revelations which were so real that all possible doubts dissolved. **It seemed a great deal to ask that she should leave home and friends and give herself over to a stranger. Yet, she went, and she never regretted it. A great deal had to be given up by her and so will it be with us for thus saith the Lord, *Come ye out from among them.* (II Corinthians 6:17)**

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But the Holy Spirit does not let us linger upon our sacrifices, but he tells her of the sacrificial atonement of Isaac on Mount Moriah. Oh, how the Spirit lingers on the offering and the offerer, foreshadowing the divine side of Calvary - Christ dying for our sins according to the sacred Scriptures.

How clearly this Old Testament type points to The Lord Jesus Christ. It is the only place where God demanded a human sacrifice for the expiation of sin, a type and foreshadow of Jesus, the Lamb of God. And accompanying this type, the Holy Spirit is very careful to insert every precaution to keep the type in its place. Rebekah is thus familiarized with the Bible doctrine of salvation by grace and not by works. "*For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in His sight.*" (Romans 3:20)

During the course of her homeward journey, Rebekah found sandy desert sheiks trying to spread before her gilded tawdry toys, and to offer amusements of the world's glitter to win her away from the serious purpose of her heart.

They would beset her every step through her pilgrim way toward her beloved. But will she endure to the end under the watchful care and comfort of the protecting servant? **Is the secrecy as to the hour of Isaac's appearing breeding carelessness which will lead to slumber, then sleep? (Matthew 25)**

Will she be ready for that hour which we think not of and with watchfulness for the last time lift up her tired eyes to see the Bridegroom coming with power and great glory to receive His washed saints out of this Christ-hating world into the place prepared for all those who love His appearing? The Spirit faithfully shows the Church the signs of the Coming of Christ, and warns us to ***“be holy, for without holiness no man shall see the Lord.”*** (Hebrews 12:14)

By this authoritative declaration from God's Holy Word, let me assure you that never has there been, there never will be, nor is there now such a thing as a sinning salvation. We cannot get into the city with pearly gates with sin in our hearts. Sin separates us from God, and sin -- unless confessed and purged by the blood of Jesus -- will bar us out eternally. **This accounts for all the warnings in the Scriptures about being always ready.**

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God knew that the devil's lie would take many unstable Christians in the last days (eternal security - once saved always saved - once 'born', one can never be 'unborn'). Some content themselves with merely gaining heaven by the skin of their teeth. **But God never created us merely that we might be saved.** Had that been His object, He would have answered His purpose best by placing us beyond the reach of moral evil. God's call is seen in the following verses:

2 Corinthians 7:1

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Matthew 1:21

Thou shalt call His Name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins.

John 5:14

Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

John 8:11

She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.



Jesus heals a man at the pool of Bethesda

1 John 3:7-8

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:3

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 3:8

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1 John 3:10

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever

doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

So the servant gives all the simple preparations that the bride should know because she desires to be ready to meet her lover. She was prepared, for the faithful servant held up to her the Words of Jesus. *Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.* Mark 13:33)

Luke 21:36

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:44-46

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing.

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The servant seems more eager to catch sight of Isaac, and Rebekah is acutely sensitive that he knows the journey is soon to end. That is why he is the more watchful and spoke more often to be faithful unto death.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or

that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

2 Thessalonians 2:15

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

The servant realizes the journey has been long and painful but he tells her that through much tribulation we enter the kingdom. *If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: (2 Timothy 2:12a) Yea, and all that live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12).* And she had plenty, for there came false cults, inquiring of her the nature of her journey and for whom she was seeking. They laughed and scoffed at her going to meet him for whom her heart is longing. They said that it was Isaac who was supposed to meet her and make the journey to her home; that it is not good for a woman to run after a man. This is a type of the world -- calls us star gazers (Matthew 24) -- an unfaithful servant.



Abraham's servant bringing Rebekah to Isaac.

But the servant -- whom if we follow his leading will never cause us to lose our way either -- told her the Words of Jesus - her Isaac - that *Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.* (Matthew 25:6) Then the servant related the words of Abraham before he



made the long journey to her country, the charge which Abraham gave, and his promise to fulfill the oath he had made.

Rebekah became weary with the many voices of earth trying to discourage her and hinder the journey, but the

servant told her that the tares must grow up with the wheat until the harvest. Notice, saints, that this is not in the church, but the field is the world. You would not let a burglar stay in your house, nor a murderer in the guest chamber, nor would we in the church.

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The mirages and painted desert seemed sometimes so real but . . . There are counterfeits, and satan comes as an angel of light and as a wolf in sheep's clothing. How beautifully the servant of Abraham encouraged her heart when she needed help to escape the pitfalls and when she lacked assurance that she was going on the right way.

As many as are led of the Spirit of God they are the sons of God. (Romans 8:14)

The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. (Psalms 37:23)

And sure enough she finds in the evening time, lifting up her eyes . . .

Genesis 24:64

And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

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Rebekah Meets Isaac

“Just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay.”

- ❖ Abraham was aggressive; Isaac was retiring.
- ❖ Abraham was ready to unsheath a sword; Isaac flees.
- ❖ Abraham looked up and saw stars; Isaac looked down and dug wells.

Isaac is a typical picture of the Christian.

Study Notes - Christ and His Bride

This is the first lesson concerning Christ and His Bride typified. It goes straight through the Bible without any change, clear down to the last chapter of the last book. The comparisons between Christ and His Bride are clearly seen.

- It was after Isaac was offered up as a sacrifice that Abraham sent his servant after a bride for him.
- So it was after Christ was offered up at the same place and received Glory (received in a figure - Isaac) that the Spirit was sent forth to all nations in search of a Bride for the Lamb.
- **Israel was chosen out of all the nations of the kingdom of the earth to be the Lord's 'wife', in the earthly sense, but never in the heavenly sense.**



Abraham ready to sacrifice his son Isaac.

“Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:” (Jeremiah 3:14)

- **When the Jews crucified Jesus, they became spiritually dead, separated from Him (Romans 11). So the Spirit searched among the Gentiles during the Church Age.**
- **Eliezer was sent as a guide, revealer, and teacher into all spiritual truth.**
- **Abraham - a Gentile - charges his servant to go to his own people - those of his household. Eleizer meets Rebekah at the well, just as Jesus meets the woman at well in John 4.**

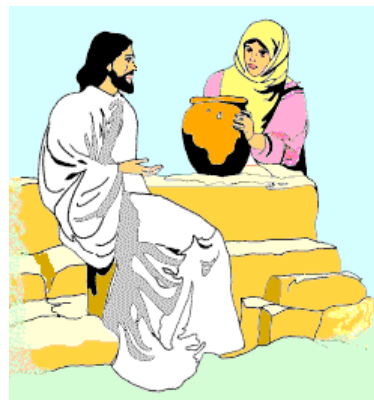
John 4:6-7

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. 7 There cometh a woman

of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

1. In response to Rebekah's drawing water, she is given a ring and bracelet out of Abraham's treasure. This token corresponds to the believer receiving -- at his justification -- an assurance of forgiveness and peace with God.

2. The Prodigal received a ring - a token of reconciliation.



Jesus with the woman at the well.

The Holy Spirit -- just like Eliezer -- waits outside the door making the proposition - entire sanctification and consecration. Will we abandon ourselves without limit to Jesus forever? Upon this decision depends our receiving the Holy Spirit.

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She counts the cost, then dedicates herself wholly; then enters a new experience when the Holy Spirit puts His seal on a perfect heart with marvelous fullness, riches and heavenly gifts. The conditions are - faith and obedience.

Genesis 24:50-53

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken. 52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. 53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

- **Rebekah gave her all and received His all. Members of her family profited by her surrender. Her whole family was enriched by the overflow of blessings released by her full surrender.**
- **It is a marvelous plan God has that there always is an overflow or surplus bestowed on a church or believer. Thus they desire to seek God for believer's Holy Ghost Baptism. Pentecost is the overflow of the Spirit - so is a revival - when God finds somebody to pour His Spirit upon.**

Eliezer wanted to leave the next morning for his long journey - but the flesh tried to hinder. This agrees with all deeper spiritual experiences. Some fellow believers are carnal and need to check their fervor. Some will try to down our obedience, delay our steps of service and our getting nearer to the Bridegroom. If we are to have Him meet us, we are to go out and meet Him. Prompt obedience is what Eliezer required, and such it is with the Holy Ghost. We cannot let cold and worldly church members advise us.

After she left her home, it was then that she learned the greatest truth about Isaac. It is evening. Isaac sees the camels coming and goes out to meet her. Here, the **“evening” of this dispensation refers to Jesus coming for His Bride.**

We must, under the guidance and preparation of the Spirit, come to meet Him.

Romans 8:14 - *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”*



Rebekah sees Isaac coming to meet her

Isaac took her - loved her - was over death of his mother.

Genesis 24:67 - *“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."



Isaac carried the wood - Jesus carried the cross.



Hebrews 11:18 - *"Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."*

Christ exhausts all those who typify Him: Moses, Abel, Samson, Jacob, Joshua, Joseph, David.

Both mothers receive divine quickening.

A. Sarah:

Genesis 17:19 - *"And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."*

B. Mary:

Luke 1:30-33

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.



The angel appears to Mary.

Isaac was hated by his brethren (Ishmael); Jesus was set at naught by Judas.

A. Isaac:

Genesis 21:9-10

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. 10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.



Judas betraying Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

B. Jesus:

Matthew 26:24-25

24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. 25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I?

He said unto him, Thou hast said.

As Isaac is the only true heir - so Jesus is the only True Heir.

A. Isaac:

Genesis 21:10-12

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. 11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. 12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.



Hagar and Ishmael are sent away

B. Jesus

Romans 8:17

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Both will have many sons in glory - Jesus.

A. Isaac:

Genesis 22:16-18

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

B. Jesus

Revelation 5:9

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

