Year B #474

A Bride Needed for the Son

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I want to talk about Abraham and I want to share what happened in **Genesis 24:1 — Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.** I think that is a tremendous verse for any old person. I pray you will be encouraged today to see that it is the Lord Who has blessed you. Perhaps you have not stopped recently and gone back over all those wonderful blessings. Oh, the things that God has surrounded you with — the way He has given you food and clothing and the way He has supplied every need, because He loves you and cares for you as a believer. We are going to read about how Abraham carried the concern - a father's concern - about his son, Isaac. He knew the time had come that his son needed a bride. This can be likened to our heavenly Father, who wanted to gain a bride, a born again believer, who becomes part of what we call the Church, which is also called the Bride, that it might be for His Son, Jesus. That can be likened in Scripture to how the Father obtained for His Son, a Bride and if you knew Jesus, you are part of that body. That is awesome!

Abraham's son was now forty years of age. Abraham bound his servant not to take a woman for Isaac from the daughters of the

Canaanites. He was not to have a wife from these people. Why? Because these people knew not God. Instead, he had to go back to his own people at Haran. That is the place where Abraham had been called out to a separate life by the Lord. The servant questioned if Isaac could go with him, in case the woman was not willing to return with him. And we read in **verse 6 of Genesis 24 -**

6 Abraham said to him, See to it that you do not take my son back there.

7 The Lord, the God of heaven, Who took me from my father's house, from the land of my family and my birth, Who spoke to me and swore to me saying, To your offspring I will give this land — He will send His Angel - *that is the Lord Himself* - **before you, and you will take a wife from there for my son.**

8 And if the woman should not be willing to go along after you, then you will be clear from this oath; only you must not take my son back there. Oh, the emphasis of Scripture, time and time again in so many different ways says there is only one walk in Christ Jesus. It is the separated walk. We have been called out from the world; we do not belong in the world and we are not to return to the old. The influence we have in the world is not trying to be more like them; the influence we have on the world is being separated in Christ and they are drawn to us. Oh, that we might see that the purpose of being in Christ is that His life might be the very means of bringing others into Himself. He gets the glory because these lives are dissatisfied; they

have a God-shaped blank within. They need the Lord. When you walk a separated life and the glory of God is upon your life, people will be drawn to know Jesus.

Back in this amazing **chapter of Genesis 24,** we read -

7 The Lord, the God of heaven, Who took me from my father's house, from the land of my family and my birth, Who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, To your offspring I will give this land — He will send His Angel before you . . . I love it! There is not a step that we take that they Lord has not gone before. We are not out there making decisions. It is the Lord who has gone before us and we can draw with total dependence upon Him on which way to go in every situation. **. . . and you will take a wife from there for my son.** This was a tremendous position of faith as Abraham said that this is going to happen. He was standing on the promises of God. What are you standing upon today? Do you know anything of standing upon what God has said to you? Have you forgotten those promises? Why not take time and go back and say to the Lord, *Lord, as a believer, I want to know Your promises. I want to stand upon them. I want to act in faith upon them. It is not my timing; it is Your timing.*

Look! This little son of his was no longer a baby! He is now a man forty years old. We read on -

10 And the servant took ten of his master's camels and

departed. taking some of his master's treasures with him; thus he journeyed to Mesopotamia [between the Tigris and the Euphrates] to the city of Nahor [Abraham's brother].

11 And he made his camels to kneel down outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening when women go out to draw water. Interesting: God uses even animals. There was something about these camels kneeling which helped make the decision of the one who was the servant of God. God is in every detail.

I want you to listen tomorrow, but if you do not listen tomorrow, I want you to know today that God is showing out of this story, that we can stand upon His promises. We can be available for His purposes in the worst situation, because He is in total control. He is God.

We love you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.