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Monday - Genesis 24:1-9 - A Good Wife

Abraham takes good care of his son, and he wants to see him married well. Isaac is 40 years old, and it is time. Because Abraham believes the promise of the building up of his family and the importance of that family to love and obey God, he wants to make sure Isaac's wife is worthy. He knows he is old and will soon die, and he wants to see Isaac settled in a family of his own that he can leave his wealth to.

Abraham wants Isaac's wife to be one of his relations, who still fear God. He does not want Isaac to marry one of the wicked Canaanites who will be a trouble and a hindrance to doing what is right for Isaac. He doesn't want Isaac to go back to Canaan where he can be tempted to settle. His greatest concern, as it should be for all parents, is for the soul of his child.

Abraham's most trusted servant, probably Eliezer, is bound by oath to find a wife for Isaac. If Eliezer does his best, and the woman will not come, he is free from his oath. Any promises we make before God, we must be diligent to keep. Abraham is confident that God will guide and give success to Eliezer. He trusts that God will fulfil His promises to multiply his family and give them Canaan, and in order to do this, it seems Isaac will need a wife. We can expect God to guide and bless us in all we do if we do it in obedience for His glory.

Questions

1. What does Abraham want for Isaac?
2. Why doesn't he look among the Canaanites?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that our covenant children will find godly husbands and wives.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." Genesis 25:23

Praise: Psalm 119:Part 6 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Genesis 24:10-28 - Success!

Eliezer sets a good example of a faithful and godly servant. He is diligent to do immediately what Abraham asks. He knows that God is guiding his way, and he prays for God's help when he reaches his destination.

Eliezer prays for success. We should ask God to bless our work with success. He reminds God of His covenant with Abraham. We can remind God of the promises He makes to us. He asks God to give him a sign. He knows a good wife is from the Lord, and he wants his master's wife to be humble, hard-working, and kind to strangers. Eliezer wants God to make the right woman abundantly clear. We should ask God to make our paths abundantly clear.

God answers Eliezer's prayers quickly and satisfactorily - giving him what he asks for in the very first woman that comes to draw water. She meets all of Eliezer's qualifications. Rebekah, by her kindness and willingness to help, is now brought to the attention of Eliezer as the one he is seeking.

Eliezer gives Rebekah many presents and then turns in thankfulness to God. He worships God for granting his request and guiding him to Rebekah.

Questions

1. What does Eliezer do when he gets to his destination?
2. What is the sign he asks for?
3. Who meets his requirements?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for God's guidance in all you do.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." Genesis 25:23

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Wednesday - Genesis 24:29-53 - The Story Retold

Abraham's servant is given a kind reception by Rebekah's family. When Laban, her brother, sees the rich presents this man has gotten her, he immediately runs to Eliezer to see if there is anything in it for him. This is our first glimpse into Laban's character, and we will see later that it is a character dominated by the love of money. Rebekah's family welcome Eliezer as one blessed by God.

Eliezer will not eat or rest until he has finished the job he swore to do. He tells them the whole story of his search for Rebekah. He explains that he is the servant of Abraham and tells of how God has blessed Abraham. Abraham will pass his wealth on to his son, Isaac, so if Rebekah agrees to go with him, she will be well provided for. Eliezer tells of how Abraham has sent him to get a wife for Isaac, not from the evil Canaanites, but from the rest of his family living far away. He tells of how Abraham is confident that God will guide him to the right woman, but Abraham does not want to force his relations to send a wife. Finally, Eliezer tells of his prayer to God and how God answers it in Rebekah. He waits for their decision, and Rebekah's family cheerfully agree that this has come from God, and they consent. So Eliezer again worships God.

Questions

1. Who is interested in Eliezer's money?
2. Why does Eliezer tell the whole story of his search for Rebekah?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks to God for the prayers he has answered for you this week.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." Genesis 25:23

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Thursday - Genesis 24:54-67 - A Marriage

Eliezer doesn't linger more than one night in the house of Rebekah's family. He knows that Abraham is waiting at home for news, and he wants to hurry back and tell him of how God has blessed his errand. But Rebekah's family want her to stay a little while longer. Ten days doesn't seem like a very long time to say good-bye, possibly forever, but there might be more to it than that. It is easy enough to agree that God is guiding something, but the actual obeying of that guidance is quite another thing. It is usually much harder to put into practice what you agree with your mouth. Nevertheless, Eliezer insists that he must go, and so Rebekah is called to see if she will go with him and marry Isaac. She agrees to the marriage, and also she agrees to go at once. So, her family has no choice but to send her on her way with God's blessing.

Isaac is out in the fields on a solitary evening, possibly praying. Maybe he is even praying about the coming of his wife and will see his prayer answered right before his eyes. When Rebekah finds out that is her new husband, she humbly goes to meet him, and they are married. Isaac loves Rebekah, and she comforts him for his mother's death.

Questions

1. Why does Eliezer want to leave so soon?
2. What does Rebekah decide to do?
3. What does Isaac think of Rebekah?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would obey God with our actions and not just our mouths.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

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Friday - Genesis 25:1-21 - Constant Prayer

Abraham marries again and has 6 sons by Keturah. He makes Isaac his heir, but he gives gifts to the rest of his children. He wisely sends his other children away, so they will not be a trouble to Isaac. Abraham has lived 175 years - though he has lived a long and good life, he must die at last. His death brings Isaac and Ishmael together to bury their father with Sarah. Ishmael goes on to have 12 sons that become heads of 12 nations. They live in the land between Egypt and Assyria, called Arabia. They live not as wanderers but in settlements and camps. Ishmael dies at the age of 137.

After a long time of being childless, Isaac and Rebekah receive children through prayer. Isaac is 40 when he marries and 60 when his sons are born. God has promised that Abraham's line will continue through him, but often this must have seemed slow and uncertain to Isaac. But Isaac loves Rebekah and does not turn to other women for children. Instead, he prays. He prays for his wife. God's promises should encourage us to pray for their fulfilment. He probably is praying for many years, reminding us that we, too, should pray constantly and not lose heart.

Questions

1. How old is Abraham when he dies?
2. How many sons does Ishmael have?
3. What does Isaac pray for?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be faithful and persistent in prayer.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." Genesis 25:23

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Saturday - Genesis 25:21-28 - Two Nations

Isaac has prayed that God will give Rebekah children, and God hears his prayer. Children are always the gift of God. Rebekah is pregnant with not one child, but twins. God often outdoes our prayers and gives more than we can ask or think.

Rebekah is confused and uneasy as to how she is feeling. The struggle between Jacob and Esau represents the struggle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. This is a struggle both in the world where Christians are persecuted, and in the hearts of believers where they struggle between old sins and new desires. Rebekah goes to God to ask Him what is going on. When we are confused, we should seek the Lord for guidance.

Rebekah's children are prophesied of before they are even born. She finds out that she is pregnant, not just with twins, but with two nations greatly different in personalities from each other and struggling with each other. God has determined that the older will serve the younger.

When they are born, we already see the beginning of the prophecy's fulfillment. Esau, hairy, rough, and stronger, comes out first, but Jacob, the smooth, pursues his brother, reaching out to grab him. In time he will succeed in undermining his brother.

Questions

1. How many children does Rebekah have?
2. What does God say about them?
3. What does Jacob do at his birth?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." Genesis 25:23

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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