

**BEING LED BY THE LORD**  
**Genesis 24:1-41**

**INTRODUCTION**

As Christians, the Lord desires to guide us through the affairs of our lives – all things big and small. And we should surely want Him to! See *Psalm 25:12, 32:8*. In Genesis 24, Abraham will send his oldest servant out to find a wife for Isaac. How will this servant seek the Lord for direction, and how can he know that the Lord is directing him in his quest for Isaac's chosen wife? Can the Lord arrange a marriage of love? The emphasis of this study will be on how Abraham's servant is **Being Led By the Lord**.

**DIGGING DEEPER**

Read Genesis 24:1-41 several times. Observe as Abraham's servant is instructed, his seeking the Lord for direction, and how the Lord confirms his steps in the search for Isaac's wife. At the end of our study, we will consider how we should be seeking the Lord and in what ways the Lord directs our steps. *Selah*

*Pray for wisdom and understanding, and let's begin.*

- I. Genesis 24:1-9. Abraham's desire. This unnamed servant was given clear guidance on where to go – not back where Abraham came from, nor to the local foreigners, but to where his his family was living. Stay in the Promised Land – the Lord will send His angel before you. The servant swore to obey his master. *Selah*.
- II. Genesis 24:10-14. The servant's prayer. Traveling many miles to a well in the city of Nahor (Abraham's brother), this servant was willing to follow his master's command. Verses 12-14 record an amazing prayer for direction from the Lord. Note how specific it was. Too often, lack of faith results in general & ineffective prayer. This was not the case here!
- III. Genesis 24:15-21. God's answer. BEFORE he finished speaking, God was answering this prayer. *Isaiah 65:24*. God often answers even before we ask – the problem is that we don't see it right away. As Rebekah gave Abraham's servant a drink and drew water for the camels, he wondered if this was God's answer. Rare in every culture, Rebekah was a virgin. Think of what this says about her character. Strong, secure, patient, waiting for God, not needy for love, fixed on doing what is right. Worth the wait, Rebekah will be blessed with an arranged marriage for true love.
- IV. Genesis 24:22-28 Worship for God's mercy and truth. Abraham's servant sees God's mercy and foreknowledge clearly – **Being Led By the Lord** right to Abraham's kindred! He took time to worship the Lord for His mercy, truth, and faithfulness. Do we stop and worship God as He is directing our steps, or do we want to rush on? With events unfolding according to God's plan, now he can proceed further as God continues to lead.
- V. Genesis 24:29-41. The story recounted. Introduced to Laban, the servant is excited to rehearse the conditions of how he was **Being Led By the Lord** to this place. The Lord would send His angel ahead to make his way successful. The woman he was led to would be willing to go for Isaac to receive his bride, or he would be released from his oath.

Like the servant in Genesis 24, we may hear the Lord as we take a step to get to the next step. ***The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.*** *Psalm 37:23*. God speaks and will direct our steps. *Proverbs 16:9, 20:24*

**CONSIDER .....** some lessons on **Being Led By the Lord**.... How does God speak?

- Through His written word. In your regular reading or Bible study, something you need direction on or an answer to is addressed. Has He given you a specific word from the Bible in the past to direct you? *What Bible Verses?*
- Through prayer as we walk in paths of peace & righteousness. *Philippians 4:7-8, Psalm 23:3*
- Through godly council & perspective. *Proverbs 1:5, 11:14, 24:6*
- Through confirming circumstances. Be careful here, but God can speak through circumstances. Has the Lord ever directed you in the past through circumstances? How did you know the circumstance was His word to you?

Meditate on **John 10:3-4, 14, 27** and hear Him, beloved!

**PRAY**

- Upcoming events: Prophecy Conference 1/20-21, Ladies Breakaway 2/10-11, Israel Trip 3/5-16, Teen Mission Trip 7/15-22
- School of Ministry students, new daytime classes beginning, evening class with Billy Pauly.
- Piecemaker's Quilters fellowship, Widows of Faith fellowship, Home Groups, Men's fellowship 2/25.
- Prayer ministry – Pray that folks will be moved to join in the various prayer meetings that gather throughout the week.
- Local & regional outreaches – Pastor Micah Chappell, Calvary Chapel Greece, WZXV 99.7 Rochester
- International missions (info in foyer) – Agape' Lifeline & the Irular project in India. Sam & Beena Gilbert.