

Week Four
Genesis 23-24
Allowing God's Provision for My Life

Days One and Two:
Read Genesis 23

In verse 1, we are told of Sarah's age at death. What could be significant about that?

In the first two verses of this chapter, what do you see of Abraham for the first time?

Do you think Abraham was with Sarah when she died? Why or why not?

As Abraham stood by Sarah, what do you think were some of his thoughts of their life together?

Think of yourself for a moment. As you look at the years you've been with the Lord, do you see growth? In what ways?

If you are married, in what ways have you supported your husband to encourage him to be the man of God that he is or that you pray for him to be?

Study verses 3 and 4. Through Abraham's posture and his statement, what transition is taking place?

Restate verse 4 in your own words.

What brings Abraham comfort in his grief?

Have you faced death? Of a spouse? Parent? Child? Friend? An illness in yourself? Maybe the death of a dream?
A job layoff? How did you face it?

In reading verses 5-11, who are these people? Are they God-fearing?

How do the Hittites treat Abraham? Why?

As you look at your environment, what type of people are you around the majority of the time? What can you learn from these verses and apply to your current lifestyle?

In verse 17, what is significant about Mamre?

How much did Abraham buy the land for?

Why do you think it was so important to bury Sarah in this land?

As you look at chapter 23, what encouragement can you take from it?

Day Three:

Read Genesis 24:1-9

In verse 1, what do you think "blessed him in every way" means?

Why was it important to not get a wife from the Canaanites but instead go back to Abraham's country?

What did Abraham ask the chief servant to do?

How did Abraham believe the Lord would bless the servant in his journey?

In verse 9, why do you think the servant agreed to take the oath?

Abraham seems to be respected by others through his lifestyle and his faith. Name a situation in your life that because of your faith—and the building of your strength and character—you influenced someone positively.

Day Four

Read Genesis 24:10-27

What did the servant take with him?

Where did he go?

What two things did he do next?

When you pray to God, how do you prepare to hear or see His answer?

What character does the servant pray the girl will have? Why do you think that's important?

What do we know about Rebekah from these verses?

Explain in your own words what happens in verses 17-25.

We see the character of servanthood in Rebekah. What other character qualities do we see from these verses?

What was given to Rebekah by the servant?

In verses 26-27, what points of praise does he speak of God?

What attributes of God have you seen this week? Explain.

Day Five:

Read Genesis 24:28-51

In verse 31, why do you think Laban believed him to be blessed by God?

Looking back at verse 10, the servant took “all kinds of good things with him.” From today’s verses, list what those things were.

In your own words, how does the servant tell the brothers that God answered his prayer?

How do you pray specifically to know when God answers your prayer?

Throughout this chapter, the servant shows two distinct ways to give glory and praise to God for answered prayer. Name them.

How do you rightfully give all the praise back to God when He answers your prayers?

How is Rebekah related to Abraham?

What is Laban and Bethuel's response to the servant?

It is very important to learn from the brothers' response. What do you learn from these verses?

Day Six:

Read Genesis 24:52-67

What does Abraham's servant do after he receives the approval of the family?

What do you think he would have done differently if their response were different?

Explain in your own words what happens in verses 54b-61.

Why do you think it was important for Abraham's servant to leave immediately with Rebekah?

What have you prayed for that the Lord has answered, but you are now not acting on? What will you do today to finish His work?

Day Seven:

Read Genesis 24:61-67

As Rebekah comes into the land, where is Isaac?

Why is that important to know?

What do you think the servant told Isaac? Who is it focused on?

From what we know of Rebekah, why do you think Isaac was comforted by her after his mother's death?

We see a beautiful glimpse of a man grieving the death of a loved one. His focus and priority is where it should be—on the Lord. The Lord comforts Isaac through His love—here it is through a wife that has many characteristics of his mother.

What are you grieving over today? If we put our eyes on Christ, He will heal our pain and bless us abundantly. Write your prayer of grief and hope to the Lord and allow Him to heal your hurt through His love.