

**CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023**  
**PRAYING WITH PURPOSE – GENESIS CHAPTER 24**

*An answered prayer. A bride found for Isaac, Abraham's son.*

**1. Who is praying?**

- The name of the prayer warrior is Eliezer. Abraham's Faithful or Senior Servant (Genesis 24:2).
- Eliezer is not named in the passage, but is described well. He's the oldest or senior servant in Abraham's household and he's in charge of all that Abraham has. Many scholars believe it's Eliezer, mentioned in Genesis 15:2 as Eliezer of Damascus, the only heir of Abraham's house (before Isaac was born). His name means: God is help.
- Genesis 24:2 records that this unnamed servant was Abraham's "oldest" servant in his household. Eliezer was in "charge of all" that Abraham owned.
- The servant in charge of the household was special. Servants were often extremely close to their masters, more like family than anything else.

**2. What was the purpose of the prayer?**

- Abraham sends his trusted servant to find a wife for Isaac (Genesis 24:1-4). Abraham doesn't want Isaac to marry a local Canaanite so he sends his servant on a mission to his hometown some 450 miles away.
- The servant is responsible for convincing the bride to be and her family to leave home and everything she's ever known, to take off on a camel caravan across the desert to marry a man she's never met.
- Abraham was now in his old age. He was 140 years old and wanted Isaac his son, to marry and give him a grandson. Isaac was already forty years old and a bachelor. He called Eliezer, his chief servant to select a suitable bride for Isaac. The bride must come from among Abraham's distant relatives. The bride must come back to Canaan to marry Isaac.
- Eliezer was obedient, trustworthy, humble, persistent and praised God. He followed through with Abraham's commands and returned with Isaac's wife.

**3. Where did they travel to?**

- Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor (Genesis 24:10 NKJV).
- Abraham's hometown, Mesopotamia. City of Nahor. Abraham is presented as having come originally from the city of Ur in Chaldea (Gen. 11.31). He left Southern Mesopotamia with his father, brother and the rest of his family and settled first in Haran, a town which lay on a tributary to the Euphrates to the north of today's Syria.

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**4. Where is the prayer found in Scripture?**

- Then he said, “O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, ‘Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink’—let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master.” (Genesis 24:12-14 NKJV).

**5. How long did it take for God to answer the prayer?**

- Immediately before the prayer ended.
- Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder. The girl was very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, “Please let me drink a little water from your jar.” (Genesis 24:15-19).

**6. What happened after the prayer was answered?**

- The servant praised God (Genesis 24:26-28).
- Then Eliezer bowed, praising God for his kindness and faithfulness to his master Abraham and for taking him directly to the home of Abraham’s relatives (Genesis 24:26-27). Eliezer was in awe of the God who so faithfully led him in every detail of the mission.

**7. What other outcomes occurred during the visit to Abraham’s hometown?**

- The servant gives Rebekah gifts (Genesis 24:22 NIV)
  - When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels.
- The servant meets Rebekah's family (Genesis 24:28-29 NIV)
  - The young woman ran and told her mother’s household about these things.
  - The servant, his men and the animals were allowed to wash up, eat and stay overnight.
  - So the man went to the house, and the camels were unloaded. Straw and fodder were brought for the camels, and water for him and his men to wash their feet. Then food was set before him, but he said, “I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say.” (Genesis 24:32-33 NIV).

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- The servant gave Rebekah's family gifts.
  - Then the servant brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother (Genesis 24:53-54 NIV).
  - The servant shares his success story of finding Rebekah (Genesis 24:45-52)
- Rebekah and her maidens returned with the servant.
  - Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left (Genesis 24:61 NIV).