

**A Journey of Faith (Part 14)**  
*A Study of the Life of Abraham*  
(Gen. 24)  
"By Faith find the Bride"

**Introduction:** We come today to the longest chapter in the book of Genesis. And, it may surprise you know, the longest chapter in Genesis is a love story! 67 verses of how Isaac got his wife. But, this chapter is far more than just a story about a bride being selected and delivered to a bridegroom.

This story gives us a picture of how our heavenly Father, is getting His bride (you and I) ready for the bridegroom (Jesus). (Mt.22:1-14) The church is compared to a bride in scripture (2 Cor. 11:2-3; Eph. 5:22-33) and during this present time, the Holy Spirit is calling us to trust in Christ and be committed in our relationship to Him (Rom.7:4). We see the same things present in the story of Isaac and Rebekah that are involved in the marriage of Christ and His church. *There are four of them.*

**I. WE SEE THE DESIRED COMMITMENT OF THE FATHER: (1-9)**

**A. Isaac is Abraham's son –**

**B. Isaac's story reminds us** of another who is yet to take His bride (Jesus)!

- 1. God in eternity past** determined He would have a bride for His son (Jesus).
- 2. Why did God do this?**
- 3. But, the bride is the Father's love gift to His Son.** (John 3:16; 17:2,6,9,11-12,24).

(You'll recall Abraham sends His best servant to accomplish this task...)

**II. WE SEE THE DISPLAYED COMMITMENT OF THE SERVANT: (10-49)**

**A. We do not know the name of the servant. .**

**B. There is a servant in the world today like this servant –**

**C. Abraham sent his servant for a bride for his son**

**D. The servant leaves the land of the Canaanites (the Promised Land) and goes 500 miles back to Mesopotamia where Abraham is from.** (24:27).

**1 He took time to pray** (v. 14)

**2. While he was still praying** (*ps.25:5; Isa.30:18; Isa. 4; Ac.1:4; Isa.64:4*)

**III. WE SEE THE DECIDED COMMITMENT OF THE BRIDE: (50-60)**

**A. The servant would not delay**

**B. In God's sovereignty and grace –**

**C. The question for every sinner in this place is will you come to Jesus?**

**IV. WE SEE THE DELIGHT OF COMMITMENT IN KEEPING THE BRIDE UNTIL SHE WAS DELIVERED: (61-67)**

**A. The son is eager to receive the bride committed to him –**

**B. The Savior is eager to receive the bride committed to Him**

**Conclusion:** The longest chapter in Genesis is not just an ancient love story – it can be your story if you are willing to come.

The church is referred to as the bride of Christ –if it all depended on you, what would His bride look like?