

# I BEING IN THE WAY

## GENESIS 24

Text: Genesis 24:7

### **Genesis 24:27 (KJV)**

<sup>27</sup> And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

Introduction:

We have in this chapter I believe a great and wonderful picture of a servant. The word servant is used 14 times in this chapter. Someone once said, "The best ability is dependability," but I believe the best ability is availability. Let me also say that the higher you rise in the likeness of Jesus, the lower you will stoop in your service for others. We need to be as eager to serve as a hunting dog awaiting a chase.

I believe that we can see servitude illustrated by Abraham's servant.

**Notice:**

## 1. His Availability Vs. 1-10

(Genesis 24:1-10) "And Abraham was old, *and* well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. {2} And Abraham said unto his eldest **servant** of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: {3} And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: {4} But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. {5} And the **servant** said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? {6} And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. {7} The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. {8} And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again. {9} And the **servant** put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter. {10} And the **servant** took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master *were* in

his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor."

A. He was willing to go.

B. He asked questions to make sure he understood what was expected of him.

C. He went to do his master's will.

## **2. His Dependency Vs. 11-14**

(Genesis 24:11-14) "And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw water. {12} And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. {13} Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: {14} And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be she that* thou hast appointed for thy **servant** Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed kindness unto my master."

A. He asked God for help.

### 3. His Perception Vs. 15-25

(Genesis 24:15-25) "And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. {16} And the damsel *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. {17} And the **servant** ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. {18} And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. {19} And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. {20} And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels. {21} And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. {22} And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold; {23} And said, Whose daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room *in* thy father's house for us to lodge in? {24} And she said unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. {25} She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in."

A. He watched to see how God would guide him.

B. He waited to make sure that God had indeed guided him to Rebekah.

#### **4. His Thankfulness & Gratitude Vs. 26-28**

(Genesis 24:26-28) "**And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.** {27} And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren. {28} And the damsel ran, and told *them of* her mother's house these things."

A. He gave praise to God for the guidance he received.

#### **5. His Urgency Vs. 29-33, 55-60**

(Genesis 24:29-33) "And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. {30} And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. {31} And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. {32} And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and

gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that *were* with him. {33} And there was set *meat* before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on."

(Genesis 24:55-60) "And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us *a few* days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. {56} And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. {57} And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth. {58} And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. {59} And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's **servant**, and his men. {60} And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them."

A. He would not eat until his business was stated.

B. He would not stay, but wanted to see the mission completed.

### **6. His Loyalty Vs. 61-67**

(Genesis 24:61-67) "And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed

the man: and the **servant** took Rebekah, and went his way. {62} And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. {63} And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming. {64} And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. {65} For she *had* said unto the **servant**, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the **servant** *had* said, It *is* my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself. {66} And the **servant** told Isaac all things that he had done. {67} And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*."

A. The servant was so committed to Abraham, that he was also committed to Abraham's son, Isaac.

B. He was loyal to his master.

***Close:***

As the words to the song goes may this be our promise and prayer.

Make me a servant Humble and Meek

Lord let me help those; those who are weak

And may the pray of my heart always be

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant for thee.