

Exposition of the Book of Genesis



**A Bride for Isaac and
His Dad**

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Text: Genesis 24:1-25-1-11

Summary Statement



⌘ When we trust in
God's *loving kindness*
toward us, we can stay
within the boundaries
He establishes for us.

A Bride for Isaac



⌘ It was approaching the time that Abraham must pass the baton.

⌘ This meant that Abraham would select a bride for his son

The Charge (24:1-9)



⌘ Abraham gives his
servant specific
instructions to find a
bride for Isaac

The Blessings...



⌘ ...of living a long life
in the service of the
Lord

⌘ Abraham had live a
long good life (24:1)

The efficacy of...



⌘...of parental
involvement in the
selection of a spouse.
God established the
boundaries. (24:2-10)

Lesson 1 (24:1-9)



⌘ When you trust in God's *lovingkindness*, you don't have to see the end to believe that it will come to pass.

The Search (24:10-61)



⌘ Abraham's servant was obedient and he did exactly as he was told to do.

A Servant's Prayer



⌘ Abraham's servant stopped outside the city and prayed for God's guidance.
(24:12-14)

Lovingkindness...



⌘...mentioned 26 times in
Scripture

⌘Jeremiah 9:23-24

⌘Psalm 40:10-11; 143:8

Jeremiah 9:23-24



⌘ Thus says the LORD, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises *lovingkindness*, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.

Lovingkindness...



⌘...in this context means

kindness. God

demonstrates his

judgment and his

righteousness with

kindness.

Psalm 40:11-12



⌘ You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me; Your *lovingkindness* and Your truth will continually preserve me.
For evils beyond number have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see;
They are more numerous than the hairs of my head, And my heart has failed me.

Lovingkindness...



⌘...in this context means mercy. God withholds from us the punishment that our behavior justifies.

Psalm 143:8



⌘ Let me hear Your
lovingkindness in the
morning; For I trust in You;
Teach me the way in which I
should walk;
For to You I lift up my soul.

Lovingkindness...




⌘...in this context
means *the faithfulness*
of God manifested in
what He has created.

Summary




⌘ God's *lovingkindness*
is His kindness and
his mercy and his
faithfulness towards
us.

God's Answer




⌘ Rebekah was God's answer to the servants prayer.
(24:15-27)

Lesson 2 (24:10-23)



⌘ When you trust in God's loving kindness, you can wait patiently for His answer.

Lesson 3 (24:26-27)



⌘ When you trust in
God's loving
kindness, you can
worship Him
spontaneously.

A Servant's Faithfulness



⌘ Abraham's servant
remains focused on
the task he agree to
do. (28-49))

Lesson 4 (24:28-49)




⌘ When you trust in
God's *lovingkindness*,
you can remain
committed to the task
you have been called to
do.

Rebekah's Consent




⌘ **The final decision to marry Isaac was left up to Rebekah and she gave her consent. (50-60)**

Lesson 5 (24:50-61)



⌘ When you trust in God's loving kindness, you can step out on your faith.

Success (24:62-67)



⌘ Abraham's
servant delivers to
Isaac his new bride,
Rebekah.

The Lesson (24:62-67)

⌘ When you trust God's loving kindness, you can remain where He wants you to be so He can give you what He wants you to have.