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From Abraham to Bondage

L1. What Abraham wanted for Isaac Gen 24

I. Abraham Meets 'NOW WHAT.'

A. *Gen 24:1 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.* Abraham's Journey

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- ii. Separation Gen 13 Trial to Separate from Lot and Obedience
- iii. Conquest Gen 14 Trial to deliver Lot and Obedience
- iv. Covenant Gen 15:6 *And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.* Trial and FAITH
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- vii. Friend of God Gen 18:19 *For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.* No longer Servants but Friends
- viii. In Judgment and Destruction Gen 19 Destruction of Sodom
- ix. In Backsliding Gen 20 Abraham's fear of what man would do.
- x. In Fulfilled Promise Gen 21 Birth of Isaac
- xi. In Offering All on the Alter Gen 22 Offering of Isaac
- xii. In The Loss of his wife Gen 23

B. Your blessing, and your walk *Eph 1:3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:* Walk Circumspectly

C. Preparing Plans for our Children Gen 24:1-8

II. Keeping Our Children Out of the World: *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.* Keeping the Seed Pure

A. Our Children are His Children Keep them from the world, Don't let them return

B. Not for your **LIFE** – Don't go to the world for it.

i. Employment

- a)
- b)
- c)

ii. Education

- a)
- b)
- c)

iii. Entertainment

- a)
- b)

- c)
- iv. Edification (Fellowship)
 - a) 2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
 - b)
- C. Not for your **RIFE**
 - i. Abundance of things
 - a) Hobbies
 - Yours
 - Theirs
 - b) Sports
 - Yours
 - Theirs
 - ii. Teeming with Things
 - a) Materialism
 - b) Lottery Tickets
- D. Not for your **WIFE** Don't marry outside your faith
 - i. Unsaved, infant baptizer, It is faaaaar better to wish you were married for years of your life than to than to wish you were not for the rest of your life! It don't work, it don't work, it don't work, It is disobedience. Your love cannot fix your disobedience!
 - ii. 2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
 - a) Light with darkness *Ge 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*
 - b) *Ge 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*
 - c) *Ge 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.*
 - d) *Isa 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.*
 - e) *Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*
 - f) *Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*
 - g) *Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*
 - h) *Joh 12:35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.*
 - i) *Joh 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*

Be Not Unequally Yoked

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Ge 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Ge 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

Ex 14:20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

Job 3:4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

Job 3:9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day: Job 10:22 A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness. Job 12:22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. Job 12:25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man. Job 17:12 They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness. Job 18:6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him. Job 18:18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

Job 24:16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light. Job 29:3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness; Job 30:26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness. Job 38:19 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,

Ps 18:28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Ps 112:4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Ps 139:11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Ps 139:12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Ec 2:13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

Ec 12:2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

Isa 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isa 5:30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

Isa 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Isa 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Isa 42:16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

Isa 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. Isa 50:10 Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Isa 58:10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

Isa 59:9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

Jer 13:16 Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

La 3:2 He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.

Eze 32:7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

Da 2:22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Am 5:18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

Am 5:20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Mic 7:8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.

Zec 14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

Mt 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Mt 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Mt 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

Mt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mr 13:24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

Lu 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lu 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

Lu 11:35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

Lu 11:36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Lu 12:3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

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Joh 12:35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

Joh 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Ac 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Ro 2:19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

Ro 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

1Jo 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1Jo 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

1Jo 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

What The Bible Says
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Msg#725 For 17 June 2007, Separate From the World

In the Bible's 'Hall of Fame' of faith in Hebrews 11, Abraham is prominent. In Genesis 24 Abraham set's about preparing a future for his only begotten son and he instructs his servant "... *Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither (to Ur where I came from) again. The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house,... sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land (Palestine) ... : only bring not my son thither again.*" Abraham's overwhelming concern is that his son not go back to where Abraham was, but that he stay in the promised land. A Christian should share that concern for themselves, their family and the children of God. If you are saved out of the world, don't go back.

The Bible says to Christians "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*" (2Co 6:17) Don't go back into the world for your life, your rife, nor your wife! No not for your Employment, Education or Entertainment.. Don't resort to the worldly 'lying – cheating – stealing' mentality that is expected on a job. Don't resort to a public school system that requires teachers to act and teach atheism. Seek out a Christian school and a Christian college. Don't follow after Hellywood for your pleasures. In these three 'E's strive to "*seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" (Mt 6:33)

A Christian should not go back to the world for their Life, their Rife, or their Wife. Abraham illustrates well this important lesson in Genesis 24. Are you a Christian? Learn this lesson and learn more at GSBaptistChurch.com

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From Abraham to Bondage
L2. The Calling of the Bride Gen 24

Read Genesis 24:10-51

We do not spiritualize nor allegorize the Holy Scripture as do Catholics.

We do not fabelize nor fictionalize Holy Scripture as do Protestants and Modernist.

We believe every word in the literary sense, and are careful to use only verbal translations of Scripture because the words used capture symbols of eternal truths.

In this account before us today we see the glorious account of a Holy Servant, sent on a mission to call out a bride for the Fathers Only Begotten Son.

Many be called but few chosen.

Greater men than I have preached the precious symbolism found in this Chapter. I expect that I will but whet your appetite. But look at this account with these pictures in mind: Certain things will leap off the page with inordinate emphasis when you read it with these symbols intact:

The holy servant symbolizes the Holy Spirit

The camels symbolize Believers, carrying the HS, the workhorse

Rebekah symbolizes The wooed to Christ

The Story symbolizes The choosing of a Bride for the Lord Jesus Christ

The symbolism unfolding: (Note the AF saying “Pull up! Pull up! Your in the weeds” (DO NOT GO TOO DEEP, Why Ten Camels? Why Nahor? PULL UP! PULL UP!)

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.

Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Ac 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Eph 1:3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

11 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.

NOTE THE KNEELING CAMELS, NOTE THE LOCATION, In the World but not OF

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

God will never do without prayer what he said that he would do by prayer.

12 And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew 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:

NOTE THE WELL

John 7:37 ¶ In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 4:4 ¶ And he must needs go through Samaria. ...6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.... ... 9 ¶ And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

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 shewed kindness unto my master.

NOTE The Sincerity, The Selflessness, The Servant's Heart, The Contrite Spirit, A different kind of thirsty person.

Mt 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

15 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.

NOTE: And it came to pass. ...Rebekah came out

Ro 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 ¶ And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

*Mr 8:34 ... **Whosoever will** come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

*Re 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And **whosoever will**, let him take the water of life freely.*

*Ro 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and **whosoever believeth** on him shall not be ashamed.*

*Ro 10:11 For the scripture saith, **Whosoever believeth** on him shall not be ashamed.*

*Ro 10:13 For **whosoever shall call** upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

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.

NOTE: the Servant RAN to meet her And Asked something of her FIRST

21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

NOTE: In this picture there is no Election for Salvation , No Predestination before the foundation of the world as found in Augustinian Catholic/Calvin Doctrine But an emphasis on the HS wondering and pondering which way a decision will go!

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?

NOTE: The Rich Blessings, Gifts, and Indwelling

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.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 ¶ For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

26 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.

NOTE: The Worship, the Praise, The Joy of ONE being added.

28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

Note the Excitement the Thrill, the CHANGE in a life.

29 ¶ 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.

NOTE: The immediate bringing of the Family to Christ, The testimony, Remember John 4

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.

NOTE: The reception of the Family

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

NOTE: Her father makes no hold on her, and the challenge and resistance comes from a mother and a brother!

55 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 enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

NOTE: Who's decision, FREE WILL decision it was to go or not to go!

Unsaved: Understand the Invitation: See the Picture Here. Accept the invitation.

Saved: Remember being saved: See the Picture Here Worship

Camels: Get to work. Carry the HS, Kneel outside the camp, Carry the new convert on your shoulders.

The invitation is open:

What The Bible Says

Good Sam's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Msg#726 For 24 June 2007,

In Genesis 24 Abraham sets about to take a wife for his only begotten son Isaac. Every detail of this story foreshadows our heavenly Fathers plan to take a wife for His only begotten Son, the Lamb, the Christ. The Holy Spirit of God is played by Abraham's servant, commissioned to go to the kin and woo and win a wife to come back for the son. The believers that carry the Holy Spirit into the world, kneel at the well outside the city, then carry the new convert on their shoulders to maturity, is played by 10 camels. The wooed one, who accepts the invitation of God, makes that free will choice to change families, and converts to the family of God, is played by Rebekah.

The details of Abraham's relationship with Isaac, including his offering of his only begotten son on the hill outside of Jerusalem, point to and foreshadow God's act of love in offering his son. John 3:16 says it clearly: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

Now in taking a wife for Abraham's son, we see the invitation that is presented to you. Every detail of this record lends itself to a revelation from God that only born again believers will be part of that chaste virgin that will be the bride of Christ at his second coming. Have you accepted that invitation? The Bible says that *"Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved."* If you have accepted, be a camel, take the invitation to someone else. This whole 45 min message can be heard at GSBaptistChurch.com/audio. It is worth your time to consider these things.

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From Abraham to Bondage III Genesis 25

L3a

God Keeps His Promises ... And Children are the blessing of the Lord.

vr1 ¶ Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.

Abraham was promised that he would be the father of many nations.

Ge 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Ge 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

If Isaac married at 40 then Abraham was 140 and still had 35 years left to raise these kids.

The picture here is that Abraham, father of nations, as God has many other peoples but Israel is the chosen.

Don't miss the picture, sometimes we get the notion that we, dwelling in God's richest blessing, are the only people in the world! There are other nations

Abraham weds Keturah (Hbrw Incense) referred to as his concubine vr 6.

vr2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

vr3-4

1 Zimran (Hbrw musician)

2 Jokshan (Hbrw snarer) ---Sheba, (Hbrw seven, an oath) +

Dedan. (Hbrw low country) ----- Asshurim

(Hbrw guided or

blessed) ggc1

Letushim (Hbrw

hammered) ggc2

3 Medan (Hbrw contention)-----Ephah (Hbrw gloomy) gc3

Epher (Hbrw a calf)

Hanoch (Hbrw dedicated)

Abida (Hbrw my father knows)

Eldaah (Hbrw God has known) gc7

4 Midian (Hbrw strife)

5 Ishbak (Hbrw he releases)

6 Shuah. (Hbrw wealth)

All these were the children of Keturah.

vr5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

Key Emphasis Gave all that he had ... Gave gifts ... Sent them away eastward ... While the promise of Gospel went Westward. i.e. . Ur, westward to Palestine,

ALSO Christianity went westward to Asia Minor, to Germany, to Europe, to England to America.

The westward trek continues NY to Bible Belt to California?, to Philippines, PaPa New Guinea Japan? Nam? China? Korea? India? Iran? Iraq? back to Palestine and 2nd

Coming of Christ? Where is Africa and Peru?

Vr 7-8 Death of 175 year old Abraham...

9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah (Hbrw double/portion), in the field of Ephron (Hbrw fawn-like) the son of Zohar (Hbrw tawny = light brown) the Hittite (Hbrw of Heth), which is before Mamre (Hbrw strength of fatness);

11 ¶ And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that **God blessed his son Isaac**; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi (Hbrw well of the Living One seeing me).

What of Ishmael? vr 12-18

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Three Things About a Birthright AND Two Things about it's sale.

Two Nations from Isaac

vr 19-20-21 Married at 40 – barren for 20 years! vr 21 Isaac intreated the Lord,... and the Lord was intreated. ... and his wife conceived

vr 22 “If it be so why am I thus?” Notice the wording of Rebekah's question and understand:

If it is worded awkwardly in Hebrew It will be worded awkwardly in English

NUMBER 1 Don't let some smart-mouthed know-it-all Doctor-Big-Brain translator tell you “A better translation of this phrase is, bla bla bla.

NUMBER 2 Don't make up some insightful 'inspired' guestimation of profound significance!

When it is unclear, IT IS UNCLEAR. Do not make more of it than that.

NUMBER 3 If it is unclear it is not the main point! Don't make it such. “The Children struggled together within her” ...”Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.”

There is a struggle in this world. A struggle between two. There is a struggle in nations, a struggle between how many?

There is a struggle in cities, a struggle between how many?

There is a struggle in villages, a struggle between how many?

There is a struggle in homes, a struggle between how many?

There is a struggle in your life, a struggle between how many?

There is a struggle in your soul, a struggle between how many?

Here, in Gen 25 this struggle has been gone on for 1,800 years.

God amply illustrates it through a bowl of red pottage and a spiritual birthright.

Are you first born? Did you come into an inheritance of great spiritual wealth? Are you born again?

Could I please say “Two nations are in thy (world), and two manner of people shall be separated from (its) bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people (greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world); and the elder shall serve the younger (the first born is flesh the second born is the spirit, if you have had two births in your life you know the meaning of this parallel, if you have not your on the loosing end, the elder SHALL serve the younger!).”

Three things about a birthright.

I. The birthright is a SPIRITUAL-RIGHT to make one a Spiritual leader,

- A. It is SPIRITUAL calling it is the Priest hood,
 - i. In Gen 25 no Levitical priest hood, no other to be the workhorse for God, Camel!
 - ii. In Gen 25 no Aaronic priest hood, no other intercessors between God and Man.
 - a) Remember Job and his intercession for his family, doing sacrifices
 - b) Remember Job and his cry for a daysman.
- B. Do you do your own daily devotions?
 - i. What would you expect for a Levitical Priest concerning the Word? Aaronic Priest?
 - ii. Do you read and meditate in the Word
- C. Do you lead in family devotions?
 - i. Are you fulfilling your role as a priest, as worker intercessor?
 - ii. Do you sacrifice the time, the work the effort to be a spiritual leader in your home?
 - a) I told of an illiterate father of a preacher, he still had family devotions gathered around the Bible he could not read, share some insight to life and pray, eventually he had his children read the Bible in daily devotions.
 - b) There are no excuses for despising your new-birthright
- D. Do you despise your birthright like Esau did?

II. The birthright is a SEED-RIGHT position to be a SATAN-BRUISER

- A. Esau could have been one
- B. You could be one
- C. Do you despise your birthright like Esau did?

III. The birthright is a COVENANT-RIGHT to be the EARTH-BLESSER

- A. Esau could have been one
- B. You can be one
- C. Do you despise your birthright like Esau did?

Two Things About Selling out your Birthright.

- I. Despised By Esau
 - A. Despised By the first borne (Born of water = flesh)
 - B. Despised By the red man
 - i. *“John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, **not of blood**, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*
 - ii. Some think themselves 'blue bloods' It is not in your blood, genes, chromozones, DNA
 - C. Despised By the man of the earth
 - D. Despised By the Man's Man
 - E. Despised for a meal of BLOD-RED (Edom) pottage (materialism)
- II. Trivialized by Jacob

- A. Thought it could be bought
 - i. If your charged to be a Satan bruising Earth blessing witness of Jesus Christ, can you hire a missionary to go in your place?
 - ii. This Satan bruising Earth blessing Priesthood of all believers cannot be bought and sold, cannot be pandered around, cannot be transferred or put off.
- B. It cannot be managed by our abilities
 - i. Jacob's culinary capabilities did not make him qualified
 - ii. Esau's physical inability did not disqualify
 - iii. Jacob's manipulating, nor his mom's manipulating would not suffice.
 - iv. This is a spiritual responsibility, no ineptness is excusable, no eptness is advantaged.

What The Bible Says

Good Sam's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Msg#727 For 01 July 2007, The Camels are Coming

The foreshadowing of revelation found in Genesis 24 is phenomenal. Baptists do not spiritualize nor allegorize the Holy Scripture as do Catholics. We do not fabelize nor fictionalize Holy Scripture as do Protestants and Modernist. It is our sole authority! Consequently, Baptist hold to the soon coming return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a literal 7 year period of tribulation, followed by a millennial reign of Christ here on earth. This is clearly revealed in Scripture, as is a pretribulation rapture of the Church. In the account before us Isaac comes out into the field at eventide: “ *and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.* ” (Gen 24:63) Isaac being united with his espoused wife mirrors the uniting of Christ with his espoused wife depicted in I Thes 4:13-18. The Bible says that this union will happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. It is immanent, and it has been so for 1900 years now. The Apostle Paul, expected it at any moment and he preached all through the 60's. The Bible says the trump will sound and all those who have put their faith and trust in Christ will be caught away to meek him in the air. What a glorious reunion. What a sad day for unbelievers and the pretenders that went through the wide gate leading to destruction. There is a narrow gate and a straight path. It is not for the majority, but it will lead to life everlasting and that reunion in the air. “*Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*” (Mt 24:44) To learn more about being ready visit us at GSBaptistChurch.com ... or in person.

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What The Bible Says

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Msg#728 For 08 July 2007, Respecting Your Birthright

For Bible Believers the infamous story of Esau selling out his birthright for some red pottage contains spiritual truths. The significance of the sale is highlighted by the father's favorite, the outdoors man, despising his birthright and selling it to his twin brother, the manipulating mama's boy working in the kitchen on home made red pottage. The Bible says Esau despised his birthright. If you are born again, that new birth comes with the same birthright. I wonder if you are despising yours.

This birthright enabled three spiritual things that Esau despised. They were not transferred by his sale. Spiritual things cannot be bought nor sold with material things. They were transferred by Esau's despise. The priest hood of the household was in this birthright. A Baptist distinctive has always been the rejection of the Roman churches priest craft, and the priesthood of each believer. You, as a believer, are responsible for your daily personal and family devotions in God's Holy Word. Your Pastor should lead you to green pastures, but you need to feed yourself. Do not despise your birthright and neglect these.

This birthright would have enabled Esau to be a Satan Bruiser, and an Earth Blessor. God promised in Gen 3:15 that a seed line would bruise Satan's head, and in Gen 12 that Abraham's seed would bless the Earth. If you have His spiritual birthright you can be a Satan Bruiser and an Earth Blessor. Use your birthrights and you can snatch people from Satan's Kingdom and see your righteousness purify your corner of the Earth. Have you sold out your birthright for the red pottage of materialism? Do you have His birthright? Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" Read more at GSBaptistChurch.com

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A Christian is to be a well of living water to a dry and thirsty world. Isaac, Abraham's seed, the promised 'Earth Blessor', learned that digging wells in the desert was a challenge. There are 3 things we can take from his experience recorded in Genesis 26. A well is a blessing to others and a blessing for generations. You could be an oasis for others when your living all out for Christ. Jesus said Out of your 'belly' shall flow rivers of living water. Your belly is the seat of all your emotions. Our every emotion should make us speak forth his glorious name to someone. Be a refreshing to some soul today.

Digging wells is hard work and often futile. After digging a few Isaac learned the wheres and hows of well digging and dug where his father had dug previously. If your a Christian get busy digging. You can't make a difference to everyone, but you can make an eternal difference to someone. Even if your a 'no one' you should tell everyone about the SOMEONE who can save anyone. If your saved don't be keeping it to yourself. Jesus said follow me and I will make you fishers of men. If your not a fisher of men your not following him. It is that simple.

It is easier to fill in a well than to dig one. In this world there are well diggers and well poisoners. Which are you? Isaac found conflict, confrontation and well fillers. Jesus said you would too, yet he told you to "*Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, ... ;*" Don't just sit there. Your to be His witnesses, a Christian! Be a well of refreshing to someone today. Tell them about your Lord and Saviour.

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From Abraham to Bondage VI Genesis 27 The Nature of the Home
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The Bible does not just teach us what happened; It teaches us what happens.

Genesis 27 is in your Bible because it describes the natural tendencies of humans in the home. It describes YOUR tendencies in the home. It describes our nature, our shortfalls our persuasion.

In contrast God desires that our home not follow our nature. How will you attain His nature in your home? Fathers, lead your home in a daily family altar. **If you do not lead there, you will not lead anywhere.** You will need the wife under the spiritual authority of the husband in front of the children, every day.

In a my quick survey homes with regular family devotions (reading, in each case, Solomon's Proverbs to their children, closing in a song and prayer) produced homes with obedient submissive wives and obedient submissive children. (submission is an overriding selflessness) Homes without such produce wives that malign and manipulate their husbands, and children that are out of control and selfish manipulating malcontents.

Manipulating our way around is our human nature.

To not, you will need His super nature born into you and your daily abiding in it.

- I. Your Home Natures way - What it TAKES:
 - A. Fathers that won't see (vr 1)
 - B. Fathers that have given up (vr 2)
 - C. A father and mother divided, playing favorites, taking sides. (vr 3-4)
 - D. Manipulating around the fathers authority and the teaching of disobedience
 - i. Wait till your father goes to work, ... vs wait till your father gets home.
 - ii. Obey your father, wink wink, while he is watching, we will do your will when his back is turned.
 - iii. We can trick your father into doing this or going there, watch how it is done.
 - iv. Watch and learn,.... the children do.
 - v. Males approach a problem head on, direct into the conflict, charge the hill, climb the mountain, challenge and charge! Females take around about solutions, diplomatic solutions, manipulating circumstances, twisting the facts and getting their way by craft.
 - a) Example = Slop Operas
 - b) Example = Mothering
 - c) Example = Mamma boys, sissie men, as Arnold calls them, 3 generations deep!
 - d) Be a real man. What does that mean? Notice Jacob, mamas boy and dysfunctional, Esau, mans man and dysfunctional!
 - E. It takes selfish children. They come that way by nature.
- II. Your Home Natures way - What it MAKES:
 - A. A son that pretends to be something he is not (Jacob) or discards spiritual values (Esau).

- B. A son that deceives and manipulates like a woman (Jacob) or gets played by anyone.
- C. A son who lies to his father, looks him in the eye and lies, (Rebekah didn't, son did)
- D. A son who thinks he can manipulate his heavenly father just so.
 - i. Jacob did not gain, nor Esau lose the birthright with red pottage.
 - ii. Jacob did not gain, nor Esau lose the blessing with goat's hair.
- E. A hurt, and hatred that could murder.
 - i. dysfunctional homes produce dysfunctional children
 - ii. dysfunctional children produce dysfunctional children.
 - iii. The way you lean is the way your children will fall. Which way you leaning? I wonder if your leaning towards establishing a family altar?

III. Your Home God's way – What it TAKES:

- A. Fathers, lead your home in a daily family altar.
- B. **If you do not lead there, you will not lead anywhere.**
- C. You will need the wife under the spiritual authority of the husband in front of the children, every day.
- D. If they do not see it they will not be it.

IV. Your Home God's way - What it MAKES: Long lasting results.

Max Jukes lived in New York. He did not believe in Christ or in Christian training. He refused to take his children to church, even when they asked to go. He has had 1,026 descendants: 300 were sent to prison for an average term of 13 years; 190 were public prostitutes; 680 were admitted alcoholics. His family, thus far, has cost the state millions of dollars. They have not made a single positive contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state, at the same time as Jukes. He loved the Lord and saw to it that his children were in church every Sunday, as he served the Lord to the best of his ability. He has had 929 descendants: of these, 430 were ministers; 86 became university professors; 13 became university presidents; 75 authored good books; 7 were elected to the United States Congress; one became Vice-President of the country. His family never cost the state one cent but has contributed immeasurably to American society.

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What The Bible Says
Good Sam's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice
Msg#731 For 29 July 2007, A Dysfunctional home.

Genesis 27 records a dysfunctional family produced when we have our home 'our way' not 'God's way'. The Bible not only tells us what happened, it tells us what happens. Here a home that produces fight and hate includes a father who won't see. Parents want to believe in children so much that blinded eyes are commonplace. It includes a father that gives up. Of the homes with fathers still present, many have given up on child rearing. This home has a dad and mom divided, playing favorites and taking sides. Children come into the world with an uncanny ability to divide husbands and wives if you let them. But the most dangerous and common ailment here is a mom manipulating around the fathers authority. Here we see mom teaching lying and manipulation. My mom used to say "Wait till your father gets home." I knew what that meant. Today mom's say "Wait till your father goes to work, then we will have our way." They teach children how to trick fathers to get their own selfish way.

Men attack a problem head on, direct into conflict, charge the hill, climb the mountain etc. Women, in general, take around about solutions, diplomacy, manipulation, twisting the facts and getting their way by craft. It is not politically correct that men and women are wired differently. It is very obvious, and should be said out loud before our next election. This chapter highlights the human traits of a home 'our way'. A home 'God's way' begins with a father that will be the spiritual leader in daily family devotions. Without that, a home will be as dysfunctional as Isaac's home in Genesis 27. A father that won't lead spiritually makes the whole home dysfunctional. Learn more Bible truths at GSBaptistChurch.com.

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From Abraham to Bondage VI Genesis 28 Not Schooled in Theology

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Seven things that Jacob did not know about God,... Because his father never taught him. Genesis 27 closes with a conniving manipulating Rebekah trying to twist Isaac around to her goals and purposes. It is discouraging how many homes are operated that way. Genesis 28 Opens "Isaac called Jacob and blessed him." Thus the son who got caught looking dad in the eye and telling a bold faced lie three times is not dealt with. The home remains as dysfunctional as before.

Moreover Isaac has not taken over the spiritual leadership of his home.

- Once a home has reached this point, with a wife directing affairs, can a husband re-affirm his spiritual leadership??

- Husbands, How far gone is your spiritual leadership? Did you have family altar today? Start!

- Wives, How much have you taken over? Will you repent and surrender control?

- The destiny of your children rests in how you answer those two questions.

For Jacob – Chapter 28 is where God steps in. The parents step out and God steps in. This was not so for Esau. Notice verse 7-8. There seems to be some changes but they are superficial and to little to late.

Since Isaac never introduced his children to God, God, In Gen 28, now introduces himself to Jacob.

1

Jacob did not know these seven things about God. Abraham did. He schooled Isaac. Isaac did not school his sons in theology. Jacob did not know that God's angels were regularly ascending and descending into the affairs of man. Abraham knew. He fed them a meal once. (Vr 13)

2

Jacob did not know that God stands above all. Abraham learned God's names to be El Elyon, (14:18) the most high God and El Shaddai (17:1) the Almighty God.

3

Jacob did not yet know the personal God by name Jehovah. Look at verse 13. He was the LORD God of Abraham, but only the God of Isaac. Abraham was called the friend of God.

4

Jacob did not know the promise of God nor the promised land. Isaac never took his children to the real Bethel, (12:8) nor taught him of the promised land.

5

Jacob did not know that God is in every place. Vr 16

6

Jacob did not know that he was the gate of heaven, not the patch of land outside of Luz

7

Jacob did not know how to build an altar, he built a pillar. Abraham built altars whenever he learned something new about his God. Gen 12:7,8,13:4,18, 22:9. Even Isaac, who was once laid on one, built one 26:25. Jacob, here, build a pillar.

What theology did your father teach you? What theology are you teaching your children?

What The Bible Says
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Genesis chapter 28 gives seven things that Jacob did not know about God. His father never taught him. Chapter 27 closes with a conniving manipulating Rebekah trying to twist Isaac around to her goals and purposes. It is discouraging how many homes are operated that way, the father not being the spiritual leader that God charges him to be. Since Isaac never introduced his children to God, God, in Gen 28, now introduces himself to Jacob. Jacob did not know God. Abraham did. Isaac did not school his sons in theology.

Jacob did not know that God's angels were regularly ascending and descending into the affairs of man. (vr 13) Abraham knew. He fed them a meal once. He did not know that God stands above all. Abraham learned God's names to be El Elyon, and El Shaddai, the Most High and Almighty God.

Jacob did not yet know God by his personal name. In verse 13 He was the LORD God of Abraham, but only the God of Isaac. Abraham was called the friend of God. Isaac did not teach his children about their grandpa's LORD.

Jacob did not know the promises of God. Isaac never took his children to the real Bethel, (12:8) nor taught them of the promised land. Jacob did not know that God is in every place, nor that HE was the gate of heaven, not this patch of land outside of Luz

And Jacob did not know how to build an altar, he built a pillar. Abraham built altars when he learned about God. (cf Gen 12:7,8,13:4,18, 22:9) Jacob, here, built a pillar. What theology did your father teach you? What are you teaching your children? Do you have a family altar? Learn more Bible truths at GSBaptistChurch.com.

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Genesis chapter 29 gives exceptional insight into man's tendencies to cap off and control God's well of living water. Here Jacob, just now starting his journey with God, comes seeking his kinsmen and finds the well capped and litigated with rules for the water dispersal. The Roman Empire's Church attempts the same with the living water of Jesus Christ. He too comes seeking his kinsmen, *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."* And he too finds a church system with all kinds of rules about opening the well. In the Bible there are no mortal or venial sins, no confessionals, no sprinkling of babies, in fact no sprinkling at all! There are no beads, nor candles, nor purgatory to rescue loved souls from. Like the man made rules that kept the flocks of Laban from partaking of the water of life freely, religionists have put a rock on the well and made up rules about who can open what when. It is my greatest joy to be a Baptist preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One who can, for some, take the stone off the well and give access to the living water. If your a born again Christian you can do the same. If you or a loved one is tangled with a church that baptizes babies or sprinkles, it is not following Christ, it's following man made rules about entry into God's kingdom. It's worth the effort to break out of their error. Jesus said *"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."* Learn more Bible truths at GSBaptistChurch.com.

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