

# Lesson 1

## Eliezer, A Faithful Servant to Abraham

Lesson Text: Genesis 24:1-67



In Genesis 24, we are told that Abraham was old, was well stricken in age and that the Lord had blessed him in all things. He was around one hundred and forty years old at this time.

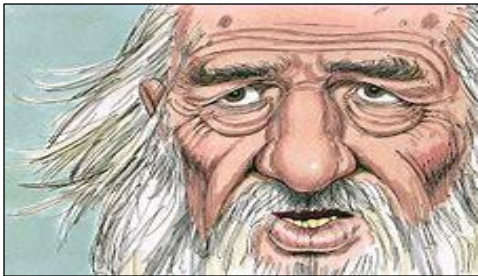
In verse 2, we see Abraham speaking to the eldest servant of his house.



This servant is not named, but described as his eldest servant, the one that ruled over all Abraham had. This servant had the care and management of Abraham's house, and the affairs of it.

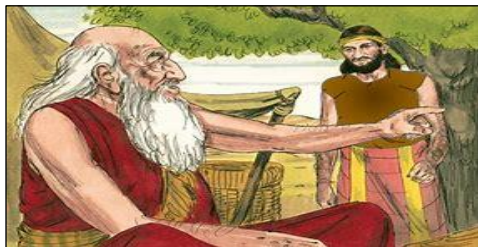
Based on Genesis 15:2, this person is Eliezer.

Abraham is requesting that this servant journey back to the country Abraham came from to find a wife for Abraham's son, Isaac.



Abraham does not want Isaac to marry a woman from the land of Canaan. He was determined for him to marry someone from his kindred.

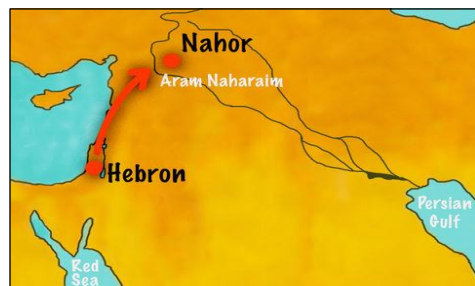
This was so important to Abraham that he made the servant swear he would not take a wife for Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites.



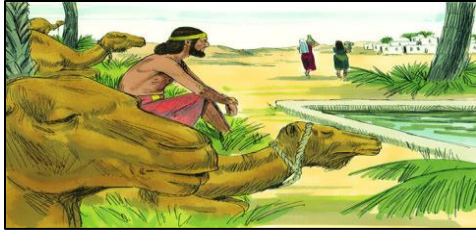
We see the servant ask questions of Abraham to make sure he understood what to do if the woman he found was not willing to leave her home to come to the land of Canaan.

This tells me that the servant seemed to realize the importance of his task.

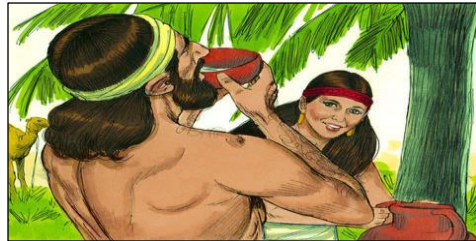
Abraham tells the servant that if the woman is not willing to follow him, he is free from his oath.



The servant swore to Abraham then took ten camels of Abraham's and departed from Hebron. He traveled to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.



The servant travels to Mesopotamia where he stops at a well to water his camel. It is here that we see this servant go to God in prayer.



He prays for God to show kindness to Abraham. He prays that the woman who comes to the well and gives him and his camels drink will be the one that God has chosen for Isaac.



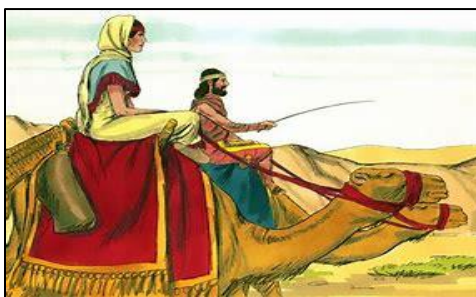
A maiden named Rebekah comes to the well and does all that the servant had prayed so that he knew she was the one God had intended for Isaac.

Rebekah was the daughter of Bethuel, who was the son of Milcah and Nahor. Nahor was Abraham's brother.



This means that Rebekah comes from the people (kindred) that Abraham was so determined for Isaac to marry of.

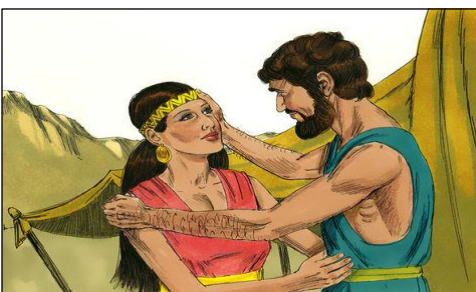
The servant gives Rebekah gold and asks to lodge at her father's house.



Rebekah shows kindness to the servant and hospitality by letting him know her family was able to lodge him at their home.

The servant tells Rebekah's family all about Abraham and why he is there.

He asks them if Rebekah will be allowed to go. Rebekah's father believes that God has blessed the union and allows Rebekah to go.



Abraham's servant immediately bows down and gives God thanks for the answer and gives both Rebekah and her family many costly jewels.

Rebekah agrees to leave with the servant the following day.

The family blesses Rebekah and they seem to understand the importance of the marriage between her and Isaac in relation to God's promises.

The servant and Rebekah meet up with Isaac and he and Rebekah get married. Verse 67 tells us that Isaac loved Rebekah.

Let us go to God in prayer, like this servant. Let us keep God at the center of all things.

The servant kept God at the center by going to Him in prayer and by thanking Him for being with him.

This is what I call a great example!

# Thought Questions

We see the example of this servant praying to God as he is about to make a decision that would affect Isaac's life and those of his family. We then see him thanking God for answering his prayers.

1. What decisions should you go to God in prayer before making?
2. How often should we thank God for answering our prayers?
3. How should I react if the answer to my prayer is yes?
4. How should I react if the answer to my prayer is not right now?
5. How should I react if the answer to my prayer is no?
6. Who should we keep at the center of our lives?

## Multiple Choice

1. Eliezer was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham.  
a. servant    b. Cousin    c. grandson    d. brother
2. Abraham requested that his servant travel so he could find a \_\_\_\_\_ for Isaac.  
a. Job    b. employee    c. lost animal    d. wife
3. The servant traveled to \_\_\_\_\_ after leaving Abraham.  
a. Michigan    b. Mesopotamia    c. Marian    d. Maine
4. The servant stopped at a \_\_\_\_\_ to water his camels.  
a. Sonic    b. well    c. Inn    d. river
5. \_\_\_\_\_ watered the camels for the servant.  
a. Rachel    b. Robin    c. Rebekah    d. Julie

## True/False

1. The servant prayed for God to show kindness to Abraham. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The servant showed great faith in God by his actions. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Rebeka's family did not like the servant. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Rebekah and Isaac were married. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I should pray for God's Will to be done in all things. \_\_\_\_\_

# Cryptogram: Genesis 24:12

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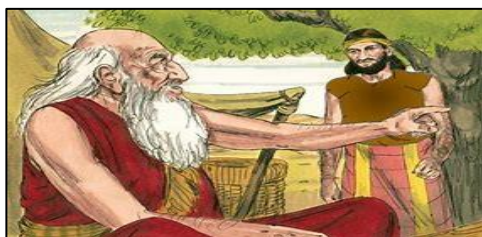
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