

=THE HOLY SPIRIT=

Lesson 5

Genesis 24 (Part two)

INTRODUCTION: Teacher, review the story as taught last week. Refresh the memory of the pupils concerning Abraham representing God the Father; Isaac representing the Son (or Jesus); Eliezer, the servant, representing the Holy Spirit; Rebekah representing Christians; and the far country representing the world. Remind the pupils that when Abraham sent the servant to the far country to get a bride for Isaac, it is a picture of God the Father sending the Holy Spirit to the world to get a bride for Jesus Christ. Remind them that the main job of the Holy Spirit is to save souls. Everything else He does points to getting people saved.

Then review something about marriage as found in last week's lesson.

Again this week we will be discussing Genesis 24 and especially discussing the Holy Spirit as typified in this chapter. Notice some interesting things about Rebekah:

- I. SHE WAS PRETTY. Genesis 24:16, "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." It is not wrong for a Christian young lady to be attractive. This attractiveness, however, should come primarily from inner beauty. An abundance of makeup and an overplay of gaudy, tight-fitting apparel, etc. is not what Scriptural beauty is. Notice I Peter 3:3-5, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands." It should be repeated, however, that physical beauty, if it is not used for enticement or sensual allurements, is not wrong. No doubt Rebekah was a pretty girl.
- II. SHE WAS A VIRGIN. Genesis 24:16, "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." She could not have been used of God had she not been a virgin. If she had not kept herself pure, she would not have been qualified. (Teacher, stress the importance of purity to the young people.)
- III. SHE WAS A HARD WORKER. Genesis 24:16, 19, 20, "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. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels." It would be wise to teach the importance of work. Teach the dignity of work. (Teacher, if you have a copy of How to Rear Children by Dr. Jack Hyles, look up the chapter on work and use it here.)
- IV. SHE WAS RESPECTFUL. Genesis 24:18, "And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink." Notice the words "my lord." She was courteous, respectful and proper. Spend a while here teaching manners, proper dress, the importance of saying, "Yes, sir" and "No, sir," "Yes, ma'am" and "No, ma'am."
- V. SHE WAS OBEDIENT TO GOD'S WILL. Genesis 24:15, "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." Though she did not understand it all, if she knew God wanted it, she was willing to do it. How important this is!

CONCLUSION: You will notice that she represents the bride of Christ. She is a type of God's people. Then we, too, should be chaste, respectable, diligent to work, obedient to God's will, etc.