

=THE HOLY SPIRIT=

Lesson 11

Eliezer and His Working

INTRODUCTION: Teacher, review the story of Genesis 24. 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.

- I. ELIEZER WANTED TO COME IN TO ABIDE IN THE HOUSE OF THE FAMILY OF REBEKAH. Genesis 24:23. Bearing in mind that Eliezer is a type of the Holy Spirit, then the Holy Spirit comes in to live in the body of each believer when that one accepts Jesus Christ as his Saviour. I Corinthians 6:18-20, “Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (Teacher, remind the pupils that the Holy Spirit lives in them. Ah, what a motive and incentive for service, separation, cleanliness and propriety! Go through the typical schedule of your class members—getting up in the morning, eating breakfast, getting dressed for school, going to school, etc., and remind them that the Holy Spirit lives with them and that He not only sees all they do, but is with them when they do it.)
- II. THE SECRET IS TO DO WHAT HE SAYS. Genesis 24:25. He wants us to do everything He tells us to do. There are many things that the Holy Spirit wants to do for us. A few of them are found in Romans 8.
 1. Victory over the flesh. Romans 8:13, “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”
 2. Leadership. Romans 8:14, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”
 3. Assurance. Romans 8:16, “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”
 4. Help. Romans 8:17, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

The secret to happiness for the Christian is to do everything the Holy Spirit says. Just as Rebekah’s secret to happiness was to obey Eliezer, even so our secret is to obey the Holy Spirit in everything that He tells us to do.
- III. WHEN HE COMES IN AND CONTROLS US, FOLKS CAN TELL IT. Genesis 24:30. It is obvious to those about us that something has happened to us and that the Holy Spirit is our guide, our helper and our friend.
- IV. HE SPEAKS NOT OF HIMSELF. Genesis 24:34-38. Read these verses carefully. Notice how Eliezer says nothing concerning himself. He points first to his master, Abraham, and then to the master’s son, Isaac. Even so it is with the Holy Spirit. He does not speak of Himself; He points to the Father and the Son. It is His job to exalt Jesus. Hence, it is our job not to magnify the Holy Spirit but to be used of Him—to magnify the Ones Whom He magnifies. We are to magnify Jesus in our lives.
- V. THE FATHER AND THE BROTHER DESIRED THAT REBEKAH OBEY ELIEZER. Genesis 24:50. Here is a beautiful picture that we should want our children to obey the Holy Spirit. The supreme desire of all parents should be that their children do the will of God and obey the Holy Spirit and follow His leadership. Far too many of us want our children to be popular, to be attractive, to be talented, etc. We rear them for ourselves rather than for Him. It should be our desire for them to do exactly what He wants them to do.

- VI. NOTICE THE GREAT BLESSINGS TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM. Genesis 24:53. There are blessings untold that God gives to those who obey His leadership and follow His Holy Spirit. The blessings of joy, peace, satisfaction, fulfillment, accomplishment, clear conscience, etc.
- VII. HE ALWAYS KNOWS BEST WHERE WE SHOULD GO AND WHAT WE SHOULD DO. Genesis 24:58. No, we do not know what is best for us! There is Someone Whom God has given to us Who does know best. Things work out best for us if we follow Him and obey Him.