

=THE HOLY SPIRIT=

Lesson 12

Following the Holy Spirit to Jesus

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. REBEKAH FOLLOWED ELIEZER WHEREVER HE WENT AS HE JOURNEYED TO ISAAC. Ah, this is the great secret! Bear in mind that Eliezer is a type of the Holy Spirit and that Rebekah is a type of the Christian. The secret to her happiness was for her to follow Eliezer. The secret to our happiness is to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, just as Eliezer was to care for Rebekah on her journey to Isaac. There is no other joy comparable to the joy of following the Holy Spirit. It is the happy way in life; it is the peaceful way in life; it is the fulfilling way in life.
- II. THIS MAKES ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD. Notice Romans 8:28. When we follow the Holy Spirit and His leadership and stay in the will of God, everything we do works out for good.
- III. THIS KIND OF FELLOWSHIP GUARANTEES THAT OUR NEEDS WILL BE SUPPLIED. Matthew 6:33. When we put Jesus first and follow the leadership of the Spirit, all the things that we need in life will be ours. It does not say all of our “wants” will be supplied; it says that all of our “needs” will be supplied.
- IV. THE JOURNEY WAS A LONG ONE. It was a 500-mile journey. Her secret to happiness was in following Eliezer. Many people have a long journey toward Jesus. Some live past their threescore and ten. Some live almost to the century mark. Regardless of how long the journey, it becomes sweeter as we follow the Holy Spirit and become more acquainted with Him.
- V. IT WAS A LONELY JOURNEY. Bear in mind, Rebekah knew no one along the way. She had said, “Good-bye,” to family and to friends; she had left all for Isaac and to follow Eliezer. So it is with the child of God. Oftentimes it is lonely on the journey to Jesus. Sometimes we will lose friends, family, and even friends of the family, but the secret is in following the Holy Spirit. He more than makes up for all we lose.
- VI. IT WAS A DANGEROUS JOURNEY. Between Mesopotamia and Canaan were many dangers. Many robbers lurked in the shadows. Eliezer was very well versed on how to handle these robbers. Rebekah could not have made it safely on her own. Even so, the journey through life is a dangerous one. There are many sharp turns; there are disappointments and many dangers. Our only hope is to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
- VII. IT WAS A JOURNEY OF VALLEYS AND PEAKS. In other words, there were ups and downs. On some days Rebekah and Eliezer were no doubt on the top of the mountain peak, the sun shone brightly, everything was beautiful; still, she followed him. On other days they were in the valley; perhaps the clouds were low and the fog was thick; again, she followed him. This is the way our lives are. We have our ups and downs. Some days are beautiful; other days are dreary. Sometimes we are on mountain peaks with victories. Other times we are in valleys with defeat. The secret is to follow the Holy Spirit.
- VIII. THERE WAS A HAPPY ENDING. Genesis 24:63, 64. One day Rebekah looked out and saw Isaac in the field. She asked Eliezer who he was. Eliezer told her that that was Isaac. Isaac had come to the field to meet his bride. His new bride runs to meet him. What a beautiful picture of the rapture when Jesus shall descend from the sky, and we shall rise to meet Him in the air, and we shall ever be with the Lord!

IX. HE TOOK HER TO A PLACE PREPARED. Genesis 24:67. Our Lord is preparing a place for us. One day we will be with Him in that place forever. Until then, the secret to our happiness, our success, our fulfillment, and our joy is to follow the Holy Spirit.