

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
DECEMBER 7, 2022
GENESIS 24:10-28

INTRODUCTION:

1. After making a promise to Abraham, his servant, *“arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor”* (Gen. 24.10). Haran, the city where Nahor lived. (Gen. 11.31; 12.4; 29.4,5)
2. The servant of Abraham stopped at a water well at *“the time when women go to draw out water”* (Gen. 24.11). If you are looking for a wife, go to where the women are found.
3. Finding a wife for Isaac involved the providential working of God.

I. PRAYER

- A. To whom did the servant of Abraham pray?
 1. **GENESIS 24.12:** *“Then he said, “O LORD God of my master Abraham”*
 2. The servant was likely Eliezer who was Abraham’s heir (Gen. 15.2).
 3. It was well known that God was with Abraham. (Gen. 12.17,18; 18.18-20)
 - a) Abraham lived in a land filled with idolatry which Eliezer observed. (cf. Deut. 6.14)
 - b) Yet God blessed the life of Abraham which Eliezer observed. (Gen. 24.35)
- B. For what did the servant of Abraham pray?
 1. **GENESIS 24.12:** *“give me success this day, and show kindness to...Abraham.”*
 2. **GENESIS 24.13,14:** He prays that the one who shows kindness is God’s chosen.
 3. We are to include God in every area of life. (Phil. 4.6; Ps. 127.1,2; James 4.13-17)

II. PROVIDENCE

- A. Through providence, God answered the prayer of Abraham’s servant.
 1. Providence is God’s non-miraculous intervention. (Gen. 24.7)
 2. **GENESIS 24.15:** *“before he finished speaking, that behold, Rebeekah...”*
 - a) Her genealogy: Daughter of *“Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother”* (v. 15). The granddaughter of Abraham’s brother.
 - b) Her appearance: *“very beautiful to behold”* (v. 16; Gen. 12.11; 26.7; 29.17)
 - c) Her purity: *“a virgin, no man had known her”* (v. 16).
 3. **GENESIS 24.17:** *“Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher”*
 - a) **GENESIS 24.18-20:** She gave water for both him and his camels...just as he prayed.
 - b) **GENESIS 24.21:** Without any definite indication, he wondered if this was the one.
 4. **GENESIS 24.22-25:** He asked to stay the night with her family.
 5. **GENESIS 24.26-28:** *“The Lord led me to the house of my master’s brethren”* The servant worshipped God crediting Him for his successful mission.
- B. Are there any other examples of God working providentially?
 1. **GENESIS 22.8:** *“My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.”*
 2. **GENESIS 45.5:** Joseph was sold into slavery. A horrific crime was God’s providential care. *“for God sent me before you to preserve life.”* (Gen. 50.20)
 3. **ESTHER 4.14:** Esther was put into a position to save the Jews. *“Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”*
 4. Has God providentially been involved in your life? Has things simply worked out for your good? (Gen. 24.7; Heb. 1.14; Rom. 8.28)