

Daily devotions for 2019



Day 3
Genesis, part 3

Obedience
Genesis chapter 24

Rebekah – acting in faith: prayer & evidence
Bethuel – Father of Rebekah
Laban – brother of Rebekah

Abraham instructed the chief servant in his household to travel to Abraham's own country and relatives, in search of a wife for Isaac. The servant was faithful in his task, praying intently to God that success would be granted to him, and kindness would be shown to his master Abraham.

When Rebekah appeared before the servant as he had prayed, the whole story was in turn revealed to Rebekah's father, brother and family. Abraham's servant made a request that he should be able to take Rebekah to become a wife for Isaac.

It is recorded that Bethuel and Laban acknowledged that, as this event was from the Lord, they were unable to say anything to disagree. Indeed they said "Here is Rebekah, take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has directed." Bethuel was challenged to release his daughter in marriage – a significant act. However, he recognised the Lord at work.

When we are confronted with prayer-filled evidence that demands our attention and action, how do we react to it?
Do we doubt? Do we ask for more 'evidence'? Do we hesitate to act? Do we 'hang-on' to that which we are being asked to release?

When we recognise and acknowledge the Lord's hand in our lives, we should act with confidence and conviction. Acting in faith and resisting the temptation to question everything can bring blessings to others and glory to God.

Prayer

Gracious Father, you are a bountiful provider to your people. We have been blessed with so much, but we can forget that without You we would be and have nothing.

In our daily lives, we pray You would remain close to us, we would remain close to you and help us to recognise Your hand at work.

When we are prompted, help us to act in faith, without doubting. Amen.