

STUDY TWENTY ONE

THE PATH OF THE RIGHTEOUS

Genesis 24

Introduction

We are told at the beginning of this story that Abraham is now old and that the Lord had blessed him in every way. One responsibility remained for him to fulfil- to arrange the marriage of Isaac. We are not told the name of the servant who carried out Abraham's wishes so faithfully though it was probably Eliezer (Gen. 15:2). His service is a great example to us and the way the Lord leads him is a great encouragement.

Questions For Discussion

1.a) Why was it important to Abraham that Isaac should not go back to their ancestral home and should not marry a local woman (vv.2-9)? (Note: in those days people would place the hand under the thigh while swearing an oath.)

b) What was Abraham's attitude (v7)?

2.a) What was the attitude of Abraham's servant throughout this story?

b) Where did he learn this kind of devotion?

c) What can we learn about servanthood from his example?

3.a) How did God lead Abraham's servant?

b) How does God lead us today?

c) What kind of person does God lead? (See Pr. 4:18)

4. What can we learn about prayer from this story (v.15)?

5.a) What qualities can we see in Rebekah's life?

b) How can we follow her example today in our lives?

6.a) What can we learn about marriage from this story?

b) Is it necessary for marriage to be arranged by one's family or is it also all right to choose one's own spouse?

7.a) What effect did marriage have on Isaac (v.67)?

b) How can we be an encouragement to our spouses?

8. What can we learn about God from this story?

For Further Thought And Action

Think about how you can be an encouragement to your family members.

Memory Verse

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Proverbs 4:18