

The Feet of Obedience and the Hand of Providence

Genesis 24:1-67

Day 1 Read Gen 24:1-67 Obey – Attempt – Expect

1. Abraham takes **steps of obedience** to preserve the promise by sending his most trusted servant to find a wife from his relatives, **rather than from the Canaanites**. Why is this so important? What **message does this send** to the first readers (Israelites in the wilderness)?

2. The servant receives this instruction in obedience and **attempts great things** for the Lord by setting out on his journey. He trusts that the Lord will provide Isaac a special girl to take part in the promise. Read verses 15-25 and **describe her heart** by what she says and does.

3. Read **Proverbs 31, 1 Tim 5:10, and Titus 2:3-8** and describe what the Bible deems as **attractive in a woman**.

Day 2 Read Gen 24:1-67 Obey – Attempt – Expect

1. Explain the statement, **“God chooses to advance His kingdom through the prayers of His children.”**

2. Give an example of how you have acted in obedience **against all odds** only to have the surprising outcome be a **result of His will, giving Him all the glory**.

3. In light of the previous question, how is obedience in **giving the gospel** often an **example of the same**?

Day 3 Read Gen 24:1-67 Obey – Attempt - Expect

1. Read **Proverbs 3:5-6** and contemporize using your own words and a specific application.

2. The servant is able to attempt great things because he **expects great things**. As we “**step out**” in obedience, explain how **James 1:5-6** is to be our blueprint for attitude and action. _____
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3. Many within evangelicalism will misuse these Old Testament narratives to support **prosperity theology**. What is prosperity theology and how is it unbiblical? (You may look it up in Wikipedia.) _____
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Day 4 Read Gen 24:1-67 Obey – Attempt – Expect

1. How does the servant respond each time God providentially directs him? (v. 26, 52) In what ways could you **emulate him** today? _____
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2. The servant will not be deterred from obeying his master (v. 33, 56). What could have been **his excuses** in each case had he acted differently? What would have been the **root cause** of his disobedience? (Prov 29:25, Is 51:7, Acts 4:19) _____
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3. Rebekah’s obedience mirrors Abraham’s call to obedience in **Genesis 12:1-3**. How is it similar for those who **choose to follow Christ**? (Luke 14:26, Mark 8:34). _____
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4. When we read this passage, we see “**God’s fingerprints**” all over the lives of Isaac, Rebekah and the servant. If you could look at a panorama of your life, would you see the same? Why or why not? _____
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5. In which area are you the strongest: **obeying** the simple things of the Lord, **attempting** great things for the Lord, or **expecting** great things from the Lord? Where do you need to grow? _____
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6. What is meant by the saying, “**God doesn’t steer parked cars**” and how is it not saying, “**God helps those who help themselves.**”? _____
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