

# GENESIS 24:1-67

## ABRAHAM: NOT BY CHANCE

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### REFERENCES/ QUOTES

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified." (Romans 8:28-30)

"The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." (Proverbs 16:9)

*Nothing is too great and nothing is too small to commit into the hands of the Lord.* - AW Pink

*"God is faithful; we can trust Him to provide. Our part is simply to be obedient to His will."* - Iain Duguid

*I will charge my soul to believe and wait for Him, and will follow His providence, and not go before it, nor stay behind it.* - Samuel Rutherford

*The Bible recognizes no faith that does not lead to obedience, nor does it recognize any obedience that does not spring from faith. The two are at opposite sides of the same coin.* - AW Tozer

*"The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there."* (Genesis 24:7-8)

*"And he said, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master."* (Genesis 24:12-14)

*"The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD and said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the LORD has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen."* (Genesis 24:26-27)

*"They said, "Let us call the young woman and ask her." And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will go."* (Genesis 24:57-58)

*"And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel and said to the servant, "Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."* (Genesis 24:64-67)

*"Nothing whatever, whether great or small, can happen to a believer, without God's ordering and permission. There is no such thing as "chance," "luck" or "accident" in the Christian's journey through this world. All is arranged and appointed by God. And all things are "working together" for the believer's good." – J.C. RYLE*

## **GOD WORKS THROUGH HIS SUPERNATURAL FAITHFULNESS**

ABRAHAM HAD FAITH IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PEOPLE AND PROMISES

- THAT FAITH WAS FORGED AND TESTED IN TRIALS AND TESTING
- THAT FAITH WAS DISPLAYED IN FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE

ABRAHAM HAD FAITH IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO PROVIDE

- THAT FAITH LED ABRAHAM TO NOT CUT CORNERS
- THAT FAITH LED ABRAHAM TO ACT PASSIONATELY
- THAT FAITH LED ABRAHAM TO INSPIRE AND REQUIRE FAITHFULNESS IN OTHERS

## **GOD WORKS THROUGH HIS SUPERNATURAL GUIDANCE**

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT WAS LED BY FAITH

- HIS FAITH WAS PRAYERFUL
- HIS FAITH WAS RESOLUTE

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT WAS LED BY GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL HAND

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT WAS LED BY GOD THROUGH EVERYDAY EVENTS OF LIFE

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT WAS LED BY CHARACTER, NOT BY APPEARANCE

## **GOD WORKS THROUGH HIS SUPERNATURAL PROVISION**

GOD PROVIDED A FUTURE FOR ISAAC – AND FOR HIS PEOPLE THROUGH FAITHFULNESS

GOD PROVIDED CHARACTER/ GODLINESS FOR ISAAC – AND FOR HIS PEOPLE THROUGH FAITH

GOD PROVIDED COMFORT FOR ISAAC – AND FOR HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS SPIRIT

GOD PROVIDED LOVE FOR ISAAC – AND FOR HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS LOVE

GOD IS PROVIDENTIALLY WORKING FOR HIS PEOPLE THAT WHICH IS:

- PROMISED EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE
- BEST EVEN WHEN IT DOESN'T SEEM EXPEDIENT
- HOLY EVEN WHEN SURROUNDED BY WORLDLINESS
- COMFORTING EVEN WHEN WE FEEL ALONE AND UNLOVED

### **THE HEILDELBERG CATECHISM (QUESTION 27)- WHAT DO YOU UNDERSTAND BY THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD?**

The almighty and everywhere present power of God, whereby, as it were, by his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth, with all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, all things come not by chance, but by his fatherly hand.

### **(QUESTION 28) WHAT DOES IT BENEFIT US TO KNOW THAT GOD HAS CREATED ALL THINGS AND STILL**

**UPHOLDS THEM BY HIS PROVIDENCE?** That we may be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and for what is future have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so in his hand that without his will they can not so much as move.