

Father's Day | June 18, 2023 Worship Service Pastor Bruce Adrian WeAreLifeBridge.com

ABRAHAM: God of Promise & Life of Faith

Lesson Eighteen • Genesis 24:1-67

Faith in Finding a Wife

Finding a Wife for Isaac

Through His <u>PROVIDENCE</u>, God blesses the endeavor of Abraham's servant to find a wife for Abraham's son.

What is providence? God's providence is His "purposeful sovereignty" (John Piper, *Providence*).

God's providence ensures the accomplishment of God's promises.

Faith and Providence

1. Faith of a Father: Abraham PLANNED for God's Promise!

Abraham's Faith & God's Providence

- Abraham entrusted with an oath the responsibility of finding a <u>WIFE</u> for his son Isaac to his chief servant (vs. 1-4).
- Abraham demanded that Isaac's wife must not be a <u>CANAANITE</u> and Isaac must not be taken out of the land of Canaan (vs. 3-6).
- Abraham believed God would sovereignly PREPARE the way for his servant to find a wife for his son (vs. 5-9).

2. Faith of a Servant: Eliezer RELIED on God's Guidance!

Eliezer's Faith & God's Providence

- Eliezer <u>PRAYED</u> for a sign of God's guidance and <u>PRAISED</u> God for His faithfulness in sending Rebekah as the chosen wife (vs. 10-28).
- Eliezer refused to <u>ACCEPT</u> Laban's hospitality until he had fulfilled his responsibility to Abraham (vs. 29-53).

3. Faith of a Bride: Rebekah FOLLOWED God's Call!

Rebekah's Faith & God's Providence

Rebekah willingly returned with Abraham's servant and became Isaac's <u>WIFE</u>, continuing the promises made to Abraham (vs. 54-67).

Take-Away for Us Today

PRAISE God for His providence and TRUST God for His guidance.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

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