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Abraham was very concerned about a bride for his son, Isaac. All the promises of God made to him centered on his miraculously-born, wonderfully-given son. God had tested Abraham by commanding him to offer up Isaac on the mount that He had chosen. Abraham dutifully obeyed, and Isaac fully surrendered to the will of his father. All of this was a beautiful picture of God the Father offering up His only begotten miraculously-born Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from our sin.

Abraham had been taught the gospel when the Lord appeared to him in Ur of the Chaldees. Galatians 3:8 teaches that *"the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, 'In thee shall all nations be blessed.'"* Part of the gospel is the promise of the resurrection of the body from the dead. Abraham was so confident in God's promises that he was willing to sacrifice his own beloved son, *"accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure"* (Hebrews 11:18).

Years later, Abraham called his trusted servant to him and charged him to go and find a bride for Isaac. What a responsibility! What an honor! What a sacred trust!

Genesis 24 records the beautiful story in detail. It gives us a view of the heart of our heavenly Father, His love for His Son and His concern for a Bride for His Son. We are the trusted servant, commanded to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48). Those who hear the gospel and believe become part of the Church, the

Bride of Christ.

There are several lessons we can learn from Abraham's servant to help us obey and go out to find the Bride.

We are told that Abraham entrusted all his goods to the servant. Paul tells us that *"We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."* God has commissioned us to go, with the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in these frail bodies, and give out the gospel.

Abraham's servant prayed for God's guidance and blessing as he set out. *"O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham"* (Genesis 24:12). He prays before he goes out, he prays as he is talking to the bride to be, and he prays in thanksgiving after she agrees to become the bride (Genesis 24:12-14, 26-27, 52). As we witness for the Lord, we should pray beforehand that we will have an opportunity to speak, and we should ask and expect God's blessing.

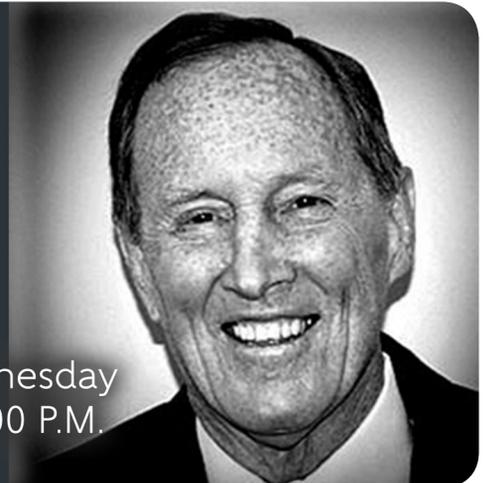
The servant proudly told Rachel's family that he was the servant of Abraham. He testified of God's guidance. *"The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house"* (24:40). The door of blessing swings upon the hinges of obedience. The servant had to go, in believing obedience before the bride was found.

The servant later testified as to how he was successful: *"Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being*

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11:00 A.M. | 7:00 P.M.



*in the way, the Lord led me..." Proverbs 16:9 reminds us that "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps."*

May 2018 be a year of great harvest in all our churches. May we as obedient servants "*go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that [God's] house may be filled*" (Luke 14:23). This can only be done through prayer and believing obedience. "*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.*"

Many of us can go, some of us can give, and all of us can pray. Charles Spurgeon said, "Pentecost began with only a prayer meeting but ended with a great baptism of thousands of converts."

Thank you for helping us gather a bride for our Savior as we broadcast His glorious gospel every day, all day, all year long. The radio and television broadcasts literally go out into the highways and hedges. May Jesus Christ be praised!

Your servant,  
Chris Lamb

## JOHN MACARTHUR

**GRACE TO YOU – WEEKDAYS AT 5:30 A. M. & 6:30 P. M.**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – WEEKDAYS AT 7:15 A. M.**

**PORTRAITS OF GRACE – WEEKDAYS AT 5:45 P.M.**

In 1969, after graduating from Talbot Theological Seminary, John MacArthur came to Grace Community Church, located in Sun Valley, California. The emphasis of his pulpit ministry was the careful study and verse-by-verse exposition of the Bible, one passage at a time. Realizing some members were too ill to attend services, one man in the congregation saw an opportunity and began recording John's messages. By 1973, cassettes were circulating throughout the church and beyond. To meet the demand, one of the volunteers, Rick Draa, was hired full time. In 1977, seemingly by accident, a few sermon tapes found their way on the air in Baltimore, Maryland, and *Grace to You* radio was born. Christian radio was blossoming into a powerful, personal conduit for feeding people's hunger for God's Word. For some, the half hour of teaching is supplement to their strong local church. For others, it is a lifeline.

In the early years, the fledgling ministry of *Grace to You* was carried out by part-time volunteers. As John began writing, *Grace to You* became the launch pad for developing, editing, and distributing his books and study guides. Thanks to a loyal family of supporters, *Grace to You* became an independent, self-funded, nonprofit company in the early 1980s. God eventually allowed the resources of *Grace to You* to go beyond U. S. borders with offices throughout the English-speaking world, including Canada, India, and Europe. The *Grace to You* website (gty.org) and the free Bible and Sermon apps offer an endless supply of articles, videos, and study materials. All of John's messages can be streamed or downloaded without charge.

Today, *Grace to You* radio airs more than 1,000 times daily throughout the English-speaking world, reaching major population centers with biblical truth. It also airs nearly 1,000 times daily in Spanish, reaching 23 countries across Europe and Latin America.

*Grace to You* television airs weekly on WAY-TV, channel 47-1 and is available for free on the Internet worldwide. Since completing his first best-selling book, *The Gospel According to Jesus*, in 1988, John has written nearly 400 books and study guides, including *Our Sufficiency in Christ*, *Strange Fire*, *Ashamed of the Gospel*, *The Murder of Jesus*, *The Prodigal Son*, *Twelve Ordinary Men*, *The Truth War*, *The Jesus You Can't Ignore*, *Slave*, *One Perfect Life*, and the *MacArthur New Testament Commentary* series. John's titles have been translated into more than two dozen languages. The *MacArthur Study Bible*, the cornerstone resource of his ministry, is available in English, Spanish, Russian, German, French, Portuguese, Italian, Arabic, and Chinese. In 2015 the *MacArthur New Testament Commentary* series was completed. In its thirty-three volumes, John takes you detail by detail, verse by verse, through the entire New Testament.

John and his wife, Patricia, live in Southern California and have four married children and fifteen grandchildren.