

“Here Comes the Bride”

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Proverbs 3:5-6

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Introduction:

- A. Many of us are suckers for a good _____ story that is full of _____, which leads to _____, and then ends with a happily ever after.
- B. Today, we will witness the beginning of a new romance—the story of _____ and _____.
- C. As we move through the story today, we will notice that the way we go about finding a _____ is very _____ from Abraham’s time.
 - 1. Those who get married in our society remain in _____.
 - 2. In biblical times, parental _____ was the norm.
- D. So when it came time for Isaac to marry, it was up to _____ to find a suitable woman.

I. The Story

- A. Genesis 24:1-9
 - 1. For reasons untold, Abraham didn’t want Isaac to marry anyone from _____.
 - 2. Bringing in a woman from far away would help to reduce _____ interference and maintain delicate _____ with the Canaanites.
 - 3. To find the right woman for Isaac, Abraham called on his most trusted _____ - he is the _____ servant.
 - 4. The servant spotted a difficulty in Abraham’s proposal—what if the woman is _____ to go with him?
 - 5. Abraham reassured his servant that his mission contributed to a _____ plan and would receive God’s _____.
- B. Verse 10 says that without delay, the servant took _____ camels and departed taking all sorts of choice _____ from his master.
- C. Verse 14 says that Abraham’s servant _____ and asked God for a _____.
- D. Drawing and lugging water was hard work - a camel could drink up to _____ gallons of water in five minutes, and a water jar held up to _____ gallons weighing _____ lbs.
- E. Rebekah passed all the tests which caused the servant to _____ the Lord.
- F. The servant explained everything to Rebekah’s brother and father, and they agreed this was from the _____ and offered Rebekah to go marry Isaac.
- G. In the morning, Rebekah’s brother and mother attempted to _____ things down, but it was agreed to all _____ to decide and she decided to _____ with the servant.
- H. Rebekah went and became Isaac’s wife and the Bible says he _____ her.

II. The Application

- A. Finding a Suitable Mate
 - 1. Hear and heed the counsel of _____.
 - 2. Saturate the whole process with _____.
 - 3. Look for someone with spiritual and godly _____.
 - 4. Put God _____ and _____ Him completely.
- B. God will continue to _____ and _____ for His spiritual children.

Answer Key: Intro. A. love, romance, commitment. B. Isaac, Rebekah. C. mate, different. C.1. charge. C.2. matchmaking. D. Abraham. I.A.1. Canaan. I.A.2. outside, boundaries. I.A.3. employee, chief. I.A.4. unwilling. I.A.5. divine, guidance. I.B. 10, gifts. I.C. prayed, sign. I.D. 50, 5, 50. I.E. worship. I.F. Lord. I.G. slow, Rebekah, go. I.H. loved. II.A.1. godly, parents. II.A.2. prayer. II.A.3. character. II.A.4. first, trust. II.B. guide, provide.