



Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Pass The Promise Series, Lesson 16

Lesson Title: Rebekah – A Wife for Isaac

Take Home Point: God provides for our family.

Warm-Up:

When I was in college, money was usually scarce. I remember one Sunday morning when there really was almost no food in the house with several days to payday. As I was leaving church after worship, a friend asked how I was doing. I half-jokingly told him I was going home to peanut butter on a knife. We both laughed and I went home. As I was getting the PB jar down from the shelf, I heard a knock at the door. Another friend had overheard my comment and followed me home. "Here," he said, "go buy some groceries." And he handed me a \$20 bill!

Read: Genesis 24

Observation (What happened?):

Who provided what Abraham desired for his son, Isaac?

What was the servant's reaction when he saw God answer his prayer and the desire of his master?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

As you read this chapter, what demonstrates that the servant's faith was increased through his experience?

Why do you think the servant wanted to return so quickly to his master Abraham?

Insight:

What do we have that God hasn't provided? In Acts 17:25 we are told that God gives all people life and breath and everything else. In 2 Peter 1:3, 4 we read that God has given us life, godliness, and his very precious promises. If you say you've earned what you have through hard work, who do you think gave you the talents and opportunities to earn money or give something in some way? So no matter how we receive provision – whether by a gift from someone or the money we earn or a spiritual gift from God – it's all from him. In Genesis 24, you could see the servant's faith increase as the Lord's provision unfolded, and his story is an eternal witness to God's kindness and wisdom. God goes ahead of us to get ready exactly what he knows we need for our benefit and his glory, and gives it to us at just the right time.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

Think of one thing God has provided specifically for you this week. Thank him for his gracious provision.

What is one need or desire you have in your life? Take it to the Lord in prayer and expect him to provide.