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# The Holy Spirit—Our Helper

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## “Take a Wife for My Son . . .”

*Genesis 24 gives us a wonderful picture of the Holy Spirit; and helps us to appreciate the ministry of love that He has been sent to fulfill toward us.*

### I. ABRAHAM SENT HIS SERVANT TO TAKE A BRIDE FOR HIS SON.

In Genesis 24, Abraham sends the oldest servant of his household to go to his homeland to take a bride for his only son Isaac. Let’s read this story together. And as we do, pay special attention to the main characters in the story.

### II. CONSIDER THE PICTURE THIS GIVES US<sup>1</sup> . . .

- A. Of God the Father; who, like Abraham, sought a bride for His Son (Genesis 24:1-9, 48; Matthew 22:2; John 6:37, 44; 17:6. 8-10).
- B. Of the Church; which, like Rebekah, is “called out” to be the Son’s bride (Genesis 24:15-21; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-32).
- C. Of Jesus Christ; who, like Isaac, was not yet seen by His bride (1 Peter 1:8), but was only known to her by the testimony of Another (Genesis 24:30, 58; John 14:26; 15:26); and who, like Isaac, patiently waited until it was time to go out and take His bride to Himself (Genesis 24:63-67; Matthew 24:29-31; John 17:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- D. Of the Holy Spirit; who, like the servant who went out at Abraham’s command . . .
  - 1. does not glorify Himself but shows the bride the things of the Son (Genesis 24:53; John 16:13-14),
  - 2. enriches the bride with gifts (Genesis 24:30, 53; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:7-8), and
  - 3. eagerly protects and safely transports the bride to the Son (Genesis 24:56, 61; Romans 8:11, 15-16, 26-27; Ephesians 1:13-14; 3:30; 2 Thessalonians 5:23-24; 1 John 2:20, 27).

### III. THINK ABOUT WHAT DR. R.A. TORREY ONCE WROTE:

“ . . . [D]o you ever kneel down and look up to the Holy Spirit and say to Him, ‘Holy Spirit, I thank Thee for Thy great love to me’? And yet we owe our salvation as truly to the love of the Spirit as we do to the love of the Father and the love of the Son. . . . [I]f it had not been for the love of the Holy Spirit to me, leading Him to come down to the world in obedience to the Father and the Son, to seek me out in my lost condition, following me day after day, and week after week, and month after month, and year after year, following me when I would not listen to Him, when I deliberately turned my back upon Him, when I insulted Him, following me into places where it must have been agony for that Holy One to go, following me day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, until at last He succeeded in bringing me to my senses, and bringing me to realize my utterly lost condition, and revealing the Lord Jesus to me as just the Savior Whom I needed and induced me and enabled me to receive the Lord Jesus as my Savior and Lord; if it had not been for this patient, long-suffering, never-wearying love of the Spirit of God to me, I would have been a lost man today.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>These notes are adapted from the notes on Genesis 24 found in The Scofield Reference Bible.

<sup>2</sup>R.A. Torrey, The Holy Spirit (Old Tapan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1927), pp. 19-20.