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The last great task in Abraham's long and eventful life was to find a bride for his miraculously-born son, Isaac. All the promises that God had made to him hinged upon Isaac. From him the Jewish nation would come, and ultimately the promised Messiah.

Abraham calls a trusted servant to him and makes him promise to bring a bride back from his kinsmen. No doubt he had shared with them the gospel that was preached to him by the Lord in the many years before [Galatians 3:8]. He knew there would be found a believing bride for his son back home in Nahor of Mesopotamia.

The remarkable part of the story is the servant's great faith. He believes that the Lord will guide him and help him in this task. Upon venturing out he prays, "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] Our Lord will provide for all His children the exact guidance we need. We sing:

*When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

—John H. Sammis

Abraham's servant, as we all do, certainly needed God's guidance. Jeremiah prayed, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." [Jeremiah 10:23]

Not only did Abraham's servant *need* God's guidance, but he also *believed* He would guide him. Abraham had assured him before he left, "He shall send His angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence." Throughout the Scriptures God tells us that He is ready and willing to guide us:

*I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou
shall go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*

[Psalm 32:8]

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto
thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge
Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine
own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.*

[Proverbs 3:5-6; see also 16:3 and Isaiah 58:11]

It's one thing to talk about God's guidance and His willingness to guide; it is quite another thing to *ask* for His guidance and to trust Him for it.

Alexander Maclaren wrote that "The first condition of securing real guidance in our daily life is to ask for it; the next is to look for it, and the third is to be willing to accept it, whether the finger points down the broad road that we would like to go upon or through some tangled path that we would rather avoid."

The Lord graciously supplied all that the servant requested. Genesis 24:15 tells us that "...before he had done speaking [i.e. praying], that, behold, Rebekah came out..." There are so many instances of answered prayer in the Bible, and they all encourage us to call upon the Lord in believing faith. Prayer is finding out what God's will is in a matter, and asking Him to do it. Mysteriously, God releases His will and His power in answer to prayer. James tells us the reason we don't see many answers to prayer is two fold: one, we simply don't ask Him, and two, we ask outside of God's will [James 4:1-6].

God is still the same. He has a will for us today. He has work for us to do. He still desires to undertake for His children concerning our day-to-day need for special guidance.

In Genesis 24:27 we see the servant's testimony: "Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of His mercy and His truth: I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren." This is God's superintending providence. As the servant willingly and fully obeyed, God guided and provided his need. He will do the same for us!

May He use each of us in these last days to help gather a bride for our greater Isaac. His command for us is found in Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

He will give us His power, grace and opportunity to fulfill His command.

Thank you for partnering with us in obeying this command here at the Where God Is Blessing Broadcasting Network.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb

RENEWING YOUR MIND WITH DR. R. C. SPROUL

WEEKDAYS AT 10 P.M. AND SATURDAYS AT 4 P.M.

Renewing Your Mind broadcasts are produced with the goal of helping Christians know what they believe, why they believe it, how to live it, and how to share it. Since *Renewing Your Mind* began in 1994, Ligonier Ministries has produced thousands of broadcasts and is currently heard on over 375 radio stations and online sites in both English and Spanish.

Robert Charles Sproul was theologian, author, and co-pastor of Saint Andrew's Chapel in Sanford, Florida. He was recognized throughout the church for his articulate defense of the holiness of God, divine sovereignty, and other essential doctrines of the Christian faith. Dr. Sproul held degrees from Westminster College, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and the Free University of Amsterdam. Dr. Sproul was the founding pastor of Saint Andrew's chapel and served as the chairman of Ligonier Ministries, chancellor of Reformation Bible College, and executive editor of the *Tabletalk* magazine. Dr. Sproul authored more than one hundred books, including *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*, and he was the author of the lyrics of several hymns. He was the author of the descriptive definition that "Sin is cosmic treason." Dr. Sproul's life-long passion was the preaching of the gospel, and he often challenged pastors to rely solely on the power of God's Word in their preaching. Dr. Sproul helped a generation of Christians understand the supernatural power of God's salvation by the visitation of the Holy Spirit and the preaching of the Word of God. With passion, he defended the doctrines of justification by faith alone, the imputation of Christ's righteousness to the believer, and the holiness of God. Dr. Sproul went home to be with the Lord on December 14, 2017. Ligonier Ministries is an international Christian discipleship organization with the purpose of proclaiming God's holiness and with the mission of equipping Christian to articulate what they believe, why they believe, how to live it, and how to share it with others. Visit online at renewingyourmind.org to hear recently aired broadcasts and for additional information and resources.

DAILY IN THE WORD WITH DR. PAUL CHAPPELL

WEEKDAYS AT 4 A.M. AND SUNDAYS AT 9 P.M.

Dr. Paul Chappell has pastored Lancaster Baptist Church in Lancaster, California since 1986. Sensing God's call to ministry, Paul enrolled at the Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Theology in 1983. While attending college, he founded and pastored the Seaside Baptist Church near Indio, California. He received a Master of Arts degree from the Baptist Christian University in Shreveport, Louisiana, and was later honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree from Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, Florida. Paul and his wife, Terrie, have four adult children and eleven grandchildren. Dr. Chappell is the author of numerous books on spiritual leadership and the Christian life and is a frequent speaker in Bible conferences throughout the United States and around the world. In 1995, under his leadership the church began the West Coast Baptist College.

Daily in the Word is heard on over 100 stations across America and in some foreign countries. Visit online at paulchappell.com/radio to hear recent broadcasts and for additional information and resources.

"FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH; TO THE JEW FIRST, AND ALSO TO THE GREEK."

ROMANS 1:16