

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Genesis 23

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Genesis 23.

1. Read Genesis 22:20-24 then look at the chapter titles for chapters 23 and 24. What role does this point to chapter 23 playing?
2. What significant event happens in v. 2? Why is this significant in the unfolding of God's sovereign plans?
3. How does Abraham respond to Sarah's death in v. 2? What kind of care does this reflect for Sarah that may have been lacking/not as evident earlier?
4. What land did Sarah die in? Who are the people Abraham talks to in v. 3?

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❖ Day 2

Read Genesis 23 again.

5. Read Genesis 15:17-21. What people are mentioned there that Abraham is interacting with in chapter 23?
6. What was the promise God made concerning the land of the Hittites in 15:20?
7. What does Abraham ask of the Hittites in v. 4? How does this relate to the promise in 15:20?
8. What is the purpose Abraham suggests for purchasing the property in v. 4?
9. Look up Gen. 25:9, 49:29-33, 50:12-13. Who else was buried here? Why is this significant?

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10. How did the Hittites view Abraham according to v. 6?

11. What was their response to his request?

❖ Day 3

Read Genesis 23 again.

12. What does v. 6 reveal about the blessing/sovereign hand of God that was upon his life? Where had God promised this very thing? In light of this, how much more frivolous do Abraham's previous escapades seem?

13. Read vv. 10-16. Summarize what happens in these verses. What is emphasized in these verses?

14. What is the outcome of Abraham's request according to vv. 17-20? Could you see this happening today? Why is this significant?

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15. What is the significance of this passage in the book of Genesis?

16. What is the significance of this passage in the scope of Scripture?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that God would use the preaching of his Word to invigorate the faith of saints and to create faith in the hearts of the spiritually dead.