



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 24	Title:	"Answered Prayer"
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Summary of Chapter:	The death of Sarah was a reality check for Abraham, that he, too was not to live forever. The need for Isaac to have a wife became extremely urgent if God's promise to Abraham of innumerable descendants were to be fulfilled. And so Abraham dispatched his most senior servant on a journey of 640km to find a wife from his kinsmen for Isaac. And God blessed his efforts so that he returned with Rebekah.		
Key Verses (NLT):		How does it speak to me?	
<p>¹² "O LORD, God of my master, Abraham," he prayed. "Please give me success today, and show unfailing love to my master, Abraham. ¹³ See, I am standing here beside this spring, and the young women of the town are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴ This is my request. I will ask one of them, 'Please give me a drink from your jug.' If she says, 'Yes, have a drink, and I will water your camels, too!'—let her be the one you have selected as Isaac's wife. This is how I will know that you have shown unfailing love to my master."</p>		<p>How many of you would like God to answer your prayer in a day? Of course, this was not a prayer that you would pray daily; for how many spouses does your child need? Yet we can learn from this unnamed servant how to frame our prayers. He starts and ends his prayer by referencing his master and addressing the Lord who has covenanted with his master – "O LORD, God of my master". His request rested in the confidence that God's desire was to bless Abraham, especially, with the promise of uncountable descendants. This was not just to look for a suitable wife for Isaac; this was a divine mission. And divine missions require divine guidance. We, too, can be confident of God's intervention when we pray in line with His plan and purpose, and ask in Jesus' name, and then step out in faith. ¹⁴ <i>This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.</i> ¹⁵ <i>And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him (1 John 5:14,15; NIV)."</i></p>	
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	We are often preoccupied with praying for our own needs. The servant did not worry about his needs not being met because he had a good master. What do you think can happen when we put representing Christ as our lives' priority? How would that change our prayer life?		
Youth:	It may not always be easy to obey your parents, teachers, or leaders even though it is right. How did prayer help Abraham's servant, and how will praying to God also help you?		
Child:	Do you find it difficult to pray to God? Praying to God is like chatting with a friend, a BFF or any of your family members you love. Let's have a C.H.A.T with God today. C-Confess to God our sins, H-Honor God with praise, A-sk anything in His name and T-Thank Him for everything. (C.H.A.T prayer taken from https://bit.ly/3b9sgJc)		
P R A Y E R :			
Praying Scripture:	Our heavenly Father, we praise You that You are a prayer-answering God. As we live our lives to honour You, give us success today, as You gave Abraham's servant, in these essential Kingdom services. May You grant us a heart of wisdom and Your Spirit's guidance to know how, what and when to reach out to those who may be experiencing hardship at this time. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		