

(Genesis) Genesis 24:58

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of making a clear decision to follow God and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, just like Rebekah did in the story of Genesis 24:58.

Duration: 5:16

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14, Genesis 24:10, Genesis 24:35, Genesis 24:58, Genesis 24:67, Matthew 4:20, Matthew 6:33

Topics: "Genesis"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses a scene from the Bible where a servant is sent to find a bride for Isaac, the son of Abraham. The servant tells the family about Isaac's miraculous birth and how he was spared from being sacrificed by God. The preacher emphasizes the importance of making a clear and decisive decision to accept Christ, using an example of a young man who immediately responded to the invitation to accept Jesus. The sermon concludes with the focus shifting to Rebecca, who becomes the center of attention as the potential bride for Isaac.

Transcript

I'm reading verse 58 now, don't miss this. And they called Rebekah and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go. Let's go back and look at this picture again.

It's an oriental scene, couched way back yonder in the beginning of time, at the dawn of humanity in a way, and yet man had been on this earth, I'm confident, thousands of years at this time, but as far as we're concerned, it's 4,000 years ago. And here is this family, that they're entertaining a guest, a stranger, and they're entertaining him royally. They fed his camels, taking care of the servants.

They set meat before him, a real feast, and he wanted to state his business, he did. And he told his strange business, he'd come to get a bride for his master's son Isaac. And I can see this servant there as he brings out these gifts that he's giving to the family, gold and silver and trinkets.

Abraham, you must remember, was a very rich man. Then he begins to tell about the master. And as he does, I see in that circle, that family circle around that fire, out yonder in the background, a very beautiful girl standing just beyond the others with those deep brown eyes.

She's listening, and you can tell she's listening. And as she listens, why, she hears the servant tell about Abraham, tells about how Isaac was born, tells about his miraculous birth, tells about his life, and then tells

about the day that his father took him yonder on the top of Mount Moriah to offer him as a sacrifice, and how God spared him and would not take his life and gave him back alive to the father. And now how the father has sent him a servant to get a bride that they don't want to get one back there among the Canaanites.

They'll get one that must be a like mine, one that has the same capacity for the living God, must be born again, you see, of the Word of God. And looking for a bride, she's listening all that time. And the transaction goes on.

Now they turn to her. No one's paid much attention to her up to this point. But now all eyes turn to Rebekah.

They said, Rebekah, what about it? Will you go with this man? And she doesn't hedge or fudge or beat around the bush or hesitate. She says, I will go. May I say to you, have you ever noticed the man that the Lord Jesus called when he was here on earth? They left their nets and followed him.

Oh, I know they went back a couple of times, but there came a day when they broke loose from those nets. They never went back to them. They followed him.

They went with him. He today is still calling the Holy Spirit, the one that's taken again, the servant place. You see, the Father and the Spirit sent the Son into the world to die for the world.

And now the Son said when he went back, he'd sent the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. And he's come now into the world, and he's calling out a bride. And he's saying, will you go? Here is the one who died for you.

He'll save you. You have to be redeemed first. You have to come as a sinner to him, take your rightful position, and accept him as Savior.

And when you do, you'll be born again. You'll become a child of God, put into the church. That's going to be presented to him someday as a bride.

And now you're to be interested in him. The question is, will you go? Will you accept the invitation? Will you trust Christ as your Savior? Now, you don't beat around the bush about this. You either do or you don't do.

I never shall forget that I was speaking in a certain place back east. In fact, the matter of it was in Texas. And I presented Christ, and I said, will you accept him? And I wasn't really through preaching.

I never shall forget. There sat a young man. I could tell he was interested.

He just got right up right there and then walked down. It had a tremendous effect upon the audience. He didn't have to be wishy-washy.

There wasn't anything uncertain about him. My, I love a clean-cut decision like that. That's the way he wants you, friends.

That's the way he'll accept you. And the only way that he will accept you. Now, will you notice this? That doesn't end the story.

They start out now. And they're going back to the promised land. And on the way back.

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