

ISAAC, THE SON OF PROMISE



Abraham Wants a Bride for Isaac

After Sarah died, Abraham reached a very old age. He wanted to get his son Isaac married to one of his own people. Abraham's family lived far away. So he called one of his trusted servants and told him to go to his home town to find a wife for his son. The servant asked: "What if the woman does not want to come with me to this land (Canaan)? Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?" Abraham answered: "On no account should you take my son back there. The Lord God brought me from that land and promised me that he would give this land to me and to my children. He will send His Angel before you, so that you can get a wife there for my son". The servant left with camels and special presents for the girl and her family. The journey was long and tiring but he arrived at last. He stopped near a well outside the town. It was late in the afternoon and the women would soon be coming to fetch water.

The servant prays to God for help

At that moment he saw a beautiful girl coming with her water-jar on her shoulder. He asked her for a drink. At once she gave him the water-jar, and when he had drunk as much as he wanted she brought water for all his camels.

This was the sign he had asked God for. The servant was happy and thanked God for His help. So he took a gold chain and two gold bracelets and gave them to the girl. He asked her who she was and whether he could spend the night at her father's house.. "My name is Rebecca", she said. "My grandfather is Nahor". Now Nahor was a relative of Abraham. The servant was happy and thanked God for His help.



Rebecca Agrees to become Isaac's Wife

The servant followed Rebecca to her father's home. Rebecca showed her presents and told her mother and brother what had happened. They welcomed the servant to their house. The servant told them how Abraham had sent him to get a bride from his own people. He then asked her mother and brother if they would allow Rebecca to become Isaac's wife. Rebecca and her family agreed. Next morning, Rebecca left with the servant to the new home in a far-off land.

When they arrived, Isaac was out in the fields. He saw the camels arriving. He looked up and saw Rebecca and liked her. The servant ran to meet Isaac and told him all that had happened. Isaac married Rebecca and loved her very much. Abraham was happy and gave his blessings to Isaac. Abraham died when he was 175 years old.



God is Present in our Lives and Send Us His Angels

We see clearly how God guided Abraham's servant, and led him because all of them wanted to remain faithful to God. Abraham's servant did not see the angel and yet they believed God was guiding them – and they reached straight to Rebecca's house. We cannot see angels around us – and yet they remind us that God is always guiding us. Abraham's servant knelt down and thanked God for His Guidance. Let us imitate him, kneel down and thank God for His Guidance. **We don't see any angels with wings but we have God's guidance through our parents, elders, priests and teachers. They are like angels to us. Let us thank God for them.**



