



Rebekah – Godly Character

Lesson 10

We first meet Rebekah in Genesis 24. Sarah has died and Abraham desires for his son, Isaac, to have a suitable wife. So he sends his most trusted servant out to accomplish this task. The servant, standing by a well, prays and asks God for help to find just the right woman. In walks Rebekah! The Bible simply says she is beautiful without any description of her outward appearance. What made her beautiful? Follow the story and you will most likely come to the conclusion that it was her inward and Godly character that shined forth. She was obviously a hardworking, kind woman with a servant's heart. Abraham's servant was convinced that she was God's choice for Isaac. So Rebekah, sight unseen, leaves her home and follows him back to become Isaac's wife. Now, just in case you think Rebekah was perfect, be assured she wasn't. Her life is full of many twists and turns but all of them contain valuable lessons that we can readily apply to our lives today.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Genesis 24:13-28

¹³Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'—let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master."

¹⁵And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder.

¹⁶Now the young woman was very beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went

down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up.¹⁷ And the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher."¹⁸ So she said, "Drink, my lord." Then she quickly let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink.¹⁹ And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking."²⁰ Then she quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, ran back to the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.²¹ And the man, wondering at her, remained silent so as to know whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.²² So it was, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels of gold,²³ and said, "Whose daughter are you? Tell me, please, is there room in your father's house for us to lodge?"²⁴ So she said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, Milcah's son, whom she bore to Nahor."²⁵ Moreover she said to him, "We have both straw and feed enough, and room to lodge."²⁶ Then the man bowed down his head and worshiped the Lord.²⁷ And he said, "Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren."²⁸ So the young woman ran and told her mother's household these things. (Should you want further information regarding Rebekah, please read Genesis Chapters 24-27)

This Week's Memory Verse:

In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence and incorruptibility.

Titus 2:7(NKJV)

1. It is said that it takes a lifetime to establish a good reputation but only a moment to lose that reputation. How do the Proverbs below encourage us to "be a pattern of good works"?
 - a. Proverbs 10:9: _____

 - b. Proverbs 11:3: _____

 - c. Proverbs 22:1: _____

 - d. Proverbs 28:6: _____

2. With the above Proverbs to guide us, what conclusions can you draw about the importance of being a woman of integrity and character? _____

Reflect and Respond – Although Rebekah was known as a woman of integrity we found her in Genesis chapter 27 encouraging her son to deceive Isaac. This of course was out of character for her and she lived to regret her part in the deception. This shows us that she did have faults and weaknesses. But our Lord is a God of restoration and He would do what Galatians 6:1(NLT) admonishes us to do; “Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.” How does this verse encourage you if you have “lost your reputation?” _____

Result – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? _____
