

PRECIOUS TRUTHS WHICH ARE TYPIFIED IN CERTAIN  
O.T. PROVISIONS CONTINUED

- D. The Things we see typified in the Bride which Abraham provided for Isaac.
1. In the desire which Abraham had to provide a bride for Isaac we can see God the Father's plan to provide a bride for Christ which is the church.
    - a. Notice although Abraham was willing to offer his son a sacrifice when God tested him, he had a special love for Isaac. His birth had been miraculous and he had been given back to Abraham in a figure from the dead (Gen. 22:10-12; Heb. 11:17-19). Here we see Abraham desiring to provide a bride for his son which would involve a loving relationship and bring him future joys.
    - b. Abraham's desire is typical of the Father's love for His Son and His plan to provide His Son with a bride and a loving relationship out of which would come joys throughout the ages. (Jn. 3:35; Eph. 1:3,9,12). In Matt. 22:1-10 the certain King who made a marriage for his son is a type of the Father who lovingly planned a marriage for His Son who is Christ.
  2. In the things which are said of Isaac we can see some types of our risen Saviour who is the Bridegroom in search of a bride.
    - a. Notice to begin with Isaac's birth had been miraculous (Gen. 21; Heb. 11:11,12). Isaac was also as good as dead when Abraham went about to offer him as a sacrifice on Mt. Moriah (Gen. 22:6-12; Heb. 11:17-19).
    - b. Isaac's sacrifice and being received in a figure from the dead is a type of our risen Saviour who offered Himself for our sins and rose again from the dead (I Cor. 15:3,4). Isaac then in search of a bride is a

type of our risen Saviour who is receiving a bride which is the church (Acts 15:14; Eph. 5:25-27,32).

3. In the mission and role of Abraham's servant we can see the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life as we journey through this world to meet the Bridegroom.
  - a. Notice in the fact that his servant is unnamed (2) shows that he was not to be in the forefront but rather to speak of his master's son. In this sense the ministry of the Holy Spirit is not to speak of Himself but of Christ (Jn. 16:13-15).
  - b. Notice the servant was to go to Rebekah as he was directed, speak to her of his master's son and let her decide of her own free will after hearing his testimony of his master's son (Gen. 24:8,12-15,57,58). This ministry is typical of the Holy Spirit's ministry. He comes and testifies to us of Christ and then it is up to us to receive or reject His testimony (Jn. 15:26; I Jn. 5:9,10). Notice how some receive it while others reject it (Matt. 22:5, 8-10).
  - c. We find the servant was also to stay with Rebekah and guide her to Isaac (24:54,61). This is typical of the Holy Spirit's ministry in the believer. He abides with us and will lead us to Christ (Jn. 14:16-20).
  - d. The servant also gave certain riches to Rebekah which were a foretaste of the riches to come (24:22,30,47). This is a type of the riches which we as believers have received and they are only a foretaste of those to come (II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14).
  - e. Along the way on their journey the servant no doubt comforted Rebekah and encouraged her by telling her of his master's son and the blessings awaiting her. This is so typical of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He comforts us and encourages us with the things of Christ (Jn. 16:7).
  - f. Notice as Rebekah's journey involved more and more

details and descriptions about the bridegroom whom she was to meet, so it is with those who make up the bride of Christ - the Holy Spirit keeps on revealing more and more of Christ to us (I Cor. 2:9-13).

- g. Finally Rebekah heard the servant say "it is my master" and she was joined to Isaac (24:65). One day all those who make up the bride of Christ will bear the Spirit's testimony of Christ and we will go to meet Him (I Thess. 4:13-18)).
4. In the trust that Rebekah placed in the servant's words and her willingness to go with him we can see a type of the church which is the bride of Christ.
- a. Just as Rebekah was approached by the servant who testified to her of Isaac so the Holy Spirit has testified to us of Christ and imparted the things of Him to us (Jn. 18:13-15).
  - b. Notice just as Rebekah exercised faith and followed the servant's leadership to bring her to Isaac whom she had never seen, so have believers done and look forward to meeting Christ the Bridegroom (I Pet. 1:18).
  - c. Rebekah received a foretaste of riches to come. So have those who have accepted Christ and make up His bride (Eph. 1:14; II Cor. 1:22).
5. In the interval between Isaac's two appearances we can see the interval between the incarnation of Christ and His coming for His bride which is the church.
- a. It is significant to note that there is no appearance of Isaac from the time he was received back to His father in a figure from the dead on Mt. Moriah until he appears to Rebekah (24:62,63). There are 92 verses between his two actual appearances.
  - b. This is typical of the time between Christ's resurrection from the dead, ascension back to His Father's house and His coming again at the rapture

for His bride. In Heb. 9:24-28 we find the purposes for His death, the present interval, and His coming again. He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (26). He now appears in heaven to intercede for us (24). He will appear again to receive us (28).