

Genesis: The Key to the Bible  
(Part 32) Arranged Marriages are Not Necessarily a Bad Idea

Genesis 24 is the longest chapter in the book

It concerns Abraham's attempt to find a \_\_\_\_\_ wife for his son, the heir of the promise of God

In ancient cultures, marriages were "arranged" by parents for \_\_\_\_\_ reasons

The reason most marriages \_\_\_\_\_ today is they were contracted based on "romantic" and emotional reasons

God must be in the process somewhere (Prov. 19:14)

(v.1-8) Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ for a daughter-in-law was the fulfillment of God's purposes

Abraham's concern was not wealth, status, or finding a beautiful bride.

God had told Abraham that through Isaac's \_\_\_\_\_ a nation would be born, and all the nations would be blessed.

The Canaanites were a \_\_\_\_\_ people, and God said that once their sins were full, he would give Israel the land (Gen 15:16).

It was necessary for his descendants to remain \_\_\_\_\_ from the ungodliness of the Canaanites

(v.9-11) Eliezer follows through with the wishes of his master

(v.12-14) Eliezer \_\_\_\_\_ to the God of Abraham (1 month- approx. 500 miles)

(v.15-25) God answers the prayer \_\_\_\_\_

(v.25-27) Eliezer worships God in front of Rebekah

(v.28-48) Explaining the purpose for visiting the family of Abraham's brother

(v.49-61) The bride-to-be \_\_\_\_\_ in the details

(v.62-67) Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Many factors can guide the selection of a mate: loneliness, friends, family, wealth, social status, shame, lust, and beauty, among others.

However, our purpose in finding a mate (and thus marriage) must be to fulfill God's \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ his kingdom

A wiser person will keep godly \_\_\_\_\_ involved in the process of seeking a spouse (Prov.15:22)

When two people are face to face enjoying one another, they often miss major \_\_\_\_\_ that could be disastrous in a marriage relationship

They also often lack \_\_\_\_\_ accountability