





By Paul Dallgas-Frey

... Continued

Abraham's servant bowed down to the ground and worshiped the LORD. "Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham! He has smiled on my servant Abraham this day. He has guided me on my journey and led me to the house of my master's relatives."

And then he gave Rebekah heavy gold bracelets for her arms and a golden ring for her nose.

Rebekah ran back to her mother's house.

When Rebekah's brother Laban heard Rebekah's story, and saw the gold ring and the golden bracelets, he ran out to the stranger at the well.

"Why are you waiting out here!" Laban said. "Come to my father's house, you who are blessed by the Lord! I have prepared a place for you, and for your Camels too."

The Camels were unloaded and straw was brought for them to eat. Laban brought water for Abraham' servant and his men to wash their feet. And then he brought a delicious meal and set it before them.

"[ Cannot eat until ] tell you why ] am here." Abraham's servant said.

"Please, tell us," Laban said.

Abraham's servant told Laban and his family the whole story.

"Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah Came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She gave me water to drink, just as I had prayed. So, please, tell me, is she the one for my master's son Isaac?"

Rebekah's father answered, "This is from the LORD! Here is my daughter; take her with you, and let her become the wife of your master's son."

When Abraham's servant heard this, he bowed down to the ground before the LORD. Then he brought out more gold and silver jewelry and other costly gifts and gave them to Rebekah. And he gave treasures to her brother and to her mother also.

The next morning Rebekah's father asked her, "Will you go with this man?"

"I will go," she said.

And so they sent Rebekah on her way. They blessed her and said to her,

"Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the gates of their enemies."

One evening some time later, Isaac was out in the field meditating when he heard the sound of Camels approaching.

He looked up. At that moment Rebekah also looked up, and their eyes met.

"Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" Rebekah asked Abraham's servant.

"He is my master," the servant answered.

IsaaC ran up to the travelers, and Abraham's servant told him all that had happened.

IsaaC took Rebekah by the hand, and soon after she became his wife.

God had brought the two together, and they loved each other deeply.