

## **The Servant of God Must Not Compromise**

### **Genesis 24: 5-9**

The servant of God (a type of God's preachers and fellow witnesses) asks, "What if the woman is not willing? Shall I bring your son down to the woman?" Abraham says not once but twice, "No!" (Genesis 25: 6, 8) To bring Isaac down to Rebekah would make Rebekah more important than Isaac. Rebekah must be willing to forsake all for Isaac or she is not a fit bride for Isaac.

As much as we would like to see sinners saved, the glory of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ is more important. We are forbidden to bring Christ down to the sinner's level. God the Father choosing his bride for his Son exalts God in choosing whom he will and abases those he saves. Christ coming in sinless flesh declares all men dead in sins, in need of the Just One. The declaration of Christ satisfying God for each and every individual sinner for whom he died declares Christ victorious. The declaration of the necessity of the new birth by the power of the Holy Spirit exalts God's power, and abases the sinner. Abraham says twice, "Bring not my son thither again." Paul said, "That is to bring Christ down!"

By personal experience of God's grace, Abraham knew what God is able to do. She will have to leave her father's house, her land and her kindred. Abraham says "the Lord God, who took ME FROM MY FATHER'S house, from my land, from my kindred..."; the LORD God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham saying, "Unto thy seed will I give this land", that is how Abraham was made willing. Abraham says, "He shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence."

As witnesses of our Lord, you and I have no power to make sinner's willing. The Spirit of God goes before the messengers of God. He prepares our way before us. He quickens whom he will, gives sinners ears to hear the gospel, eyes to see Christ, and a heart to love him. (Ephesians 2: 1-10; 2 Cor 4: 7.) Our God does not speak "maybe" but "shalt" (v7.) The bride has already been chosen (2 Thess. 2:13, 14.) The bride will hear the voice of her Beloved through the gospel (John 10:23-30). The bride will come to her Husband (Jn 6: 37.) Every provision is provided by God (v10.)

Our success is not in how many people are called out--success is doing what God has given us to do. We are not responsible for the salvation of sinners; we are responsible to proclaim salvation in Christ.