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The Day God Brought Them Together

The Story of Isaac and Rebekah

Hebrews 11:20 and Genesis 24:67

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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

A. Today's Text

Genesis 24:67, NASB94 - ⁶⁷ ...and he loved her....

Genesis 24:67, NLT - ⁶⁷ ...He loved her deeply....

Genesis 24:67, NCV - ⁶⁷ ...Isaac loved her very much....



Word Study of the Hebrew Word "Love"

Root word: אָהַב (ya-hob) denotes a covenant decision.

Actual word: אָהַבָהּ (ha'yab-hob with a guttural "h" ending) denotes a God-empowered, covenant decision, which is honorably romantic.

1. This is the first time this specific word is used in the OT.
2. This word for "love" is used to describe marriage before God.
3. "Covenant" is uniquely spiritual, before or from God, includes promises made and promises kept, exclusively relational and binding forever (or until a condition is met).
4. Let's break down the meaning of "love" used in Genesis 24:67.

ha' means God empowered.

yab means covenantal.

hob means self-sacrificial.

The guttural "**H**" (as in *yuck*) ending denotes honorable, romantic love.

B. Genesis 24

1. Let God direct your life. vv. 1-9

"The Lord blessed Abraham in every way." v. 1

"...You will go to my country and...take a wife." v. 4

2. Let prayer direct your decision. vv. 10-27

"O Lord...grant me success (in finding a wife)." v. 8

3. Let godly counsel direct your discernment. vv. 28-61

"[Rebekah's family says] Here is Rebekah before you, take *her* and go, and let her be the wife of [Isaac], as the LORD has spoken."

4. Let biblical love direct your home. vv. 62-67

Genesis 24:67, NASB95 - ⁶⁷ "...He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her...."

C. What Happened?

Even though Isaac's family was messy and the circumstances were flawed, God's purposes stood firm. - Dr. Thomas D. Lee

Pastor Mike Fabarez has a message on the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah (Gen. 24-28) titled, "**Isaac & Rebekah—A Lesson in Manipulation.**"

Here are his sermon points:

1. **Don't contrive—communicate.**
2. **Don't be selfish—be sacrificial.**
3. **Don't pout—pray.**

Here are two alternate outlines from Pastor Joe:

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| Serve, don't self-seek. | Prioritize them, not yourself. |
| Communicate, don't manipulate. | Build connection, not control. |
| Pray, don't pout. | Don't pout about it, pray about it. |

Sometimes in weddings, I say, "*Lay down your lives for each other.*"

To the guys, "*She before me.*" To the ladies, "*He before me.*"

To the couple: "*Him (God) before us.*"

- Pastor Joe



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