

Isaac & Rebekah

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PSALM 47

All you nations, clap your hands.
Shout out to God in celebration.

2 For the Lord Most High is awe-inspiring;
he is the great king who rules the whole earth!

3 He subdued nations beneath us
and countries under our feet.

4 He picked out for us a special land
to be a source of pride for Jacob, whom he loves. (Selah)

5 God has ascended his throne amid loud shouts;
the Lord has ascended amid the blaring of ram's horns.

6 Sing to God! Sing!
Sing to our king! Sing!

7 For God is king of the whole earth.
Sing a well-written song.

8 God reigns over the nations.
God sits on his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the nations assemble,
along with the people of the God of Abraham,
for God has authority over the rulers of the earth.
He is highly exalted.

GENESIS 22

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you." 3 So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and

MORNING PRAYER

O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth
shall shew forth your praise.

O God,
make speed to save us.

O Lord,
make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son:
and to the Spirit

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.

Amen.

COLLECT

O God,
you have made of one blood
all the peoples of the earth,
and sent your blessed Son
to preach peace to those
who are far off
and to those who are near:

Grant that people everywhere
may seek after you and find you;
bring the nations into your fold;

pour out your Spirit upon all flesh;
and hasten the coming of your
kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION

O Father,
we are gathered before you,
the Maker of Heaven and Earth,
whose chosen dwelling place
is with the broken and contrite,
to confess
that we have sinned in thought
and word and deed;
we have not loved you
with all our heart and soul,
we have not loved you
with all our mind and strength;
we have not even loved our
neighbor as ourselves.

Purge us from selfishness,
the fear of man,
and the love of praise.

In your mercy,
deepen our sorrow
for the wrong we have done
and for the good
we have left undone,
so that we may hate our sin
with a holy hatred.

But, please Father,
do not leave us in sorrow.

With you, O Lord,
there is forgiveness.
In your mercy,
restore the joy of our salvation;
so that we may love you with a holy
love.

Amen.

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Almighty God,
who does freely pardon
all who repent and turn to Him,
now fulfill in every contrite heart
the promise of redeeming grace;
forgiving all our sins,
and cleansing us from
an evil conscience;
through the perfect sacrifice of
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

set out and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the boy will go over there; and we will worship and return to you." 6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 And Abraham reached out with his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not reach out your hand against the boy, and do not do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." 13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in the place of his son. 14 And Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

15 Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, 16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand, which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they got up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived in Beersheba.

AFTERNOON PRAYER

*God of all creation,
full of love and abounding in mercy;
May the whole earth
be filled with your glory.*

*Lord, bless and guide
all ministers of your church;
Clothe them in righteousness
and grant them wisdom.*

*Direct the leaders of our nation;
That they may act in accordance
with your kingdom.*

*Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,
To love the things that you love*

*May we proclaim your light
In every place where there is darkness.*

*May we proclaim
your Holy Name
In every aspect of our lives.*

*Create in us clean hearts,
O God;
And renew a right spirit
within us.*

*Grant us your peace;
For only in you
can we live in safety.*

*We pray for those in sickness,
grief, persecution, bondage,
fear, or loneliness.*

Lord, have mercy.

Let us offer our own prayers:

GENESIS 24

Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in every way. 2 Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household who was in charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh, 3 and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live; 4 but you will go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac." ...

10 Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master, and went out with a variety of good things of his master's in his hand; so he set out and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. 11 He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water when it was evening, the time when women go out to draw water. 12 And he said, "Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. ...

15 And it came about, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder. ...

22 When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half-shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels in gold, 23 and he said, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room for us to stay overnight at your father's house?" 24 She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, Milcah's son, whom she bore to Nahor." 25 Again she said to him, "We have plenty of both straw and feed, and room to stay overnight." 26 Then the man bowed low and worshiped the Lord.

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29 Now Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban ran outside to the man at the spring.

... But when food was set before him to eat, he said, "I will not eat until I have stated my business." And he said, "Speak on."

34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. 35 The Lord has greatly blessed my master, so that he has become rich; and He has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and servants and slave women, and camels and donkeys. 36 Now my

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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EVENING PRAYER

Be present,
O merciful God,
and protect us through the hours of
the night,

so that we who are wearied
by the changes
and chances of this life
may rest
in your eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

master's wife Sarah bore a son to my master in her old age, and he has given him all that he has. 37 My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; 38 but you shall go to my father's house and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.' 39 Then I said to my master, 'Suppose the woman does not follow me.' 40 And he said to me, 'The Lord, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you to make your journey successful, and you will take a wife for my son from my relatives and from my father's house; 41 then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my relatives; and if they do not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

...49 So now if you are going to deal kindly and truthfully with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me now, so that I may turn to the right or the left."

50 Then Laban and Bethuel replied, "The matter has come from the Lord; so we cannot speak to you bad or good. 51 Here is Rebekah before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has spoken."

52 When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord. 53 And the servant brought out articles of silver and articles of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother. ...

58 Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go." 59 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse with Abraham's servant and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister,
Become thousands of ten thousands,
And may your descendants possess
The gate of those who hate them."

...

63 Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening; and he raised his eyes and looked, and behold, camels were coming. 64 Rebekah raised her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel. 65 She said to the servant, "Who is that man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "He is my master." Then she took her veil and covered herself. 66 The servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her; so Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

LISTEN

Still Rolling Stones

-Lauren Daigle

Is He Worthy

-Andrew Peterson

PONDER

Rebekah

Barry Moser, 1999

https://www.rmichelson.com/artists/barry-moser/the-holy-bible/9-rebekah-4_50x3_37/

Behold The Lamb Of God

Anthony Falbo, 2012

<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/behold-the-lamb-of-god-anthony-falbo.html>

REVELATION 5

Then I saw in the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne a scroll written on the front and back and sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a powerful angel proclaiming in a loud voice: "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?" 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or look into it. 4 So I began weeping bitterly because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered; thus he can open the scroll and its seven seals." 6 Then I saw standing in the middle of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders, a Lamb that appeared to have been killed. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then he came and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne, 8 and when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders threw themselves to the ground before the Lamb. Each of them had a harp and golden bowls full of incense (which are the prayers of the saints). 9 They were singing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals
because you were killed,

and at the cost of your own blood you have purchased for God
persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

10 You have appointed them as a kingdom and priests to serve our
God,
and they will reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels in a circle
around the throne, as well as the living creatures and the elders.
Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand—thousands
times thousands— 12 all of whom were singing in a loud voice:

"Worthy is the lamb who was killed
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and praise!"

13 Then I heard every creature—in heaven, on earth, under the
earth, in the sea, and all that is in them—singing:

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise, honor, glory, and ruling power forever and ever!"

Daily Reflection

Begin by **summarizing** what you read in any way you would like: draw, outline, paraphrase, etc. Continue by **reflecting** on the themes we are tracing: God's presence, people, and promises.

Daily Prayer

*try writing a collect