



# GENESIS

## Sermon Questions & Verses

### Genesis 23

**Read** Genesis 23:1-2.

-In the opening of this chapter we find Abraham overcome with grief.

**Read** Hebrews 11:11; 1 Peter 3:1-6; Galatians 4:21-31.

-What was it about Sarah's life and legacy that would've made her death so difficult to bear? Is there someone you've lost in your own life whose departure left a large hole in your heart?

**Read** Psalm 34:18, 147:3; Matthew 5:4; Isaiah 53:3; John 11:35; Romans 12:15; 2 Corinthians 1:1-5.

-What do these verses say to us about God's heart for us in our grief? How do they exhort us to comfort those who are grieving?

**Read** Genesis 12:1-2, 23:3-6.

-What does God promise to Abraham in Genesis 12? How does he make good on a part of that promise 67 years later in Genesis 23 among the sons of Heth? Have you ever had to arrange a funeral before? How would God's promise keeping have been of practical help to Abraham? How would it have helped him emotionally? Spiritually? Think back on your own life. Has God orchestrated something that proved to be a blessing years later when you least expected it? Can you think of other examples from scripture?

**Read** Genesis 15:7, 17:8, 23:7-20.

-In the remaining verses of Genesis 23 we are given a detailed account of an ancient negotiation for a burial plot. Aside from the convenience factor, why would it have been so important to Abraham to find a resting place for Sarah in the land of Canaan?

**Read** Genesis 49:29-33.

-Who else was buried here? Why was it so important that they were? What does it say about the necessity of teaching future generations about God's promises? God's character?

Genesis 23 is a touching account of the care a faithful husband (Abraham) took in preparing a proper resting place for his departed bride.

**Read** John 14:1-3.

-What does this have to say about the care our Savior has in preparing a place for us?

**Read** Colossians 3:1-4.

-Despite God's promises about our heavenly home, why do we find it so easy to be preoccupied with the "things that are on earth"? What are some earthly things you're preoccupied with this week? Is your attention to them biblical? If not, what are some practical ways you can regain your focus?

