A Covenant Family

God’s covenant with Abraham included Abraham’s responsibility for leading his household in the way of the Lord (Genesis 18:19). That is what we see him doing when he searched for a wife for Isaac. As we see in later chapters, even a marriage made in heaven can suffer from painful conflict because believers are still sinners. In this chapter, however, we see the finding of Rebekah, which is one of the most beautiful stories in the Old Testament.

We who believe in Christ have been brought into the New Covenant that Jesus instituted by His death and resurrection. We have an obligation to lead our homes in the way of the Lord. Look at Abraham and his family as models for a covenant family.

**1. The *Persistent* Father** (24:1-9)

A. The woman must not be a *pagan*

B. His son must not leave the *land*

Hebrews 11:13-16

**2. The *Prayerful* Servant** (24:9-14, 21, 26-27, 49-52)

A. He *worshiped*

B. He *watched*

**3. The *Pretty* Bride** (24:15-25, 53-59)

A. She was *pure*

B. She was *practical*

**4. The *Patient* Son (**Genesis 25:20)

**Conclusion**

Order your family according to the values of *the new covenant*.

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. How did wise Solomon become foolish and turn away from the Lord (1 Kings 11:1-10)?

3. What distressed Ezra when he came to Jerusalem to teach the Law of God to the people who had returned from Babylon (Ezra 9:1-4)?

What did he require the people to do (Ezra 10:1-5)?

4. What should a Christian, who is married to an unbeliever, do (1 Corinthians 7:12-16)?

Whom is a Christian widow free to marry (1 Corinthians 7:39)? Does this standard also apply to other marriages (2 Corinthians 6:14-15)?

5. What responsibilities does a Christian parent (especially a father) have toward his children (Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 4:21).