

Read Genesis 24:1-9

1 Abraham was now very old, and the LORD had blessed him in every way.

2 He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh.

3 I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living,

4 but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.”

5 The servant asked him, “What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me to this land? Shall I then take your son back to the country you came from?”

6 “Make sure that you do not take my son back there,” Abraham said.

7 “The LORD, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father’s household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give this land’—he will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there.

8 If the woman is unwilling to come back with you, then you will be released from this oath of mine. Only do not take my son back there.”

9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore an oath to him concerning this matter.

When Abraham got old and had been blessed richly by the Lord, what was he worried about most (vv. 1-4)? Finding a wife for his son Isaac.

Why did Abraham ask his trusted servant to put his hand under Abraham’s leg (v. 2)? It was a way that people made a promise in Abraham’s day. Kinda like shaking hands.

Where did Abraham NOT want his servant to go to find a wife for Isaac (v. 3)? The Promised Land. **Why not?** There were a lot of Gentile people there and they didn’t believe in God.

Where did Abraham want his servant to go to find a wife for Isaac (v. 4)? Back where Abraham came from; where all his relatives were.

What was his servant worried about (v. 5)? That he might find a wife for Isaac and she wouldn’t be willing to come back to where Isaac lived. Should he then take Isaac back to where the woman lived?

How did Abraham answer his servant (v. 6)? No way! God wanted His people to live in the Promised Land He had given them.

How did Abraham encourage his servant (v. 7)? He told his servant that God promised him that the servant would find a wife there. An angel would help him find her.

What else did Abraham tell his servant (v. 8)? If the woman you find won’t come back with you, then you can stop looking for a wife for Isaac.

Then what did the servant do (v. 9)? He promised Abraham that he would try to find a wife for Isaac.