

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

Genesis 24:12-21, 61-67
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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What did the servant pray for God to do for himself and for his master?

He prayed that he would be successful in fulfilling the task his master gave him, and for the LORD to show kindness to his master Abraham.

2. From the servant's prayer, what are some of the qualities that he wanted Isaac's wife to possess?

He prayed that she would show hospitality to strangers and be willing to help strangers when asked, that she would see the needs of others, even animals, and offer to help them without being asked or commanded, that she would be young, healthy, kind, and hardworking to water his camels.

3. What are some of the additional personal qualities that Rebekah showed she possessed?

She was very beautiful and morally qualified to be Isaac's wife. She was quick to do what the servant asked and the camel's needed, so she was quick to be of service.

4. What are some things that illustrate the spiritual life of Abraham's family.

Abraham's servant knew how to pray to the LORD for help to succeed in doing what his master asked. He knew the LORD was kind and prayed for Abraham to receive the kindness of the LORD. He trusted the LORD to help him do his master's will, and the LORD answered his prayer. Isaac went out into the field to meditate in the evening, probably following the Holy Spirit's leading to meet his servant and wife. He accepted what his servant told him about how the LORD had led him to find Rebekah for his wife.

5. How do you think Isaac knew that his servant had chosen the right wife for him?

The servant told Isaac all he had prayed and done, including the LORD's answer to his prayer and Rebekah's willingness to come and be his wife.

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