

Where is My Mate? Session #4

I. Recap

- A. God prepares a man by giving him a field and then leads a prepared woman to that field to be a help mate.
- B. Ex. Adam, Isaac, Boaz
- C. **Proverbs 24:27- Prepare your work in the field and then build your house.**

II. Preparation of the Woman

- A. How a woman prepares for marriage is different than a man.
- B. To see how God prepares a woman for marriage let's first look at Esther.
- C. **Esther 2:12**
 - 1. **¹² Each young woman's turn came to go in to King Ahasuerus after she had completed twelve months' preparation, according to the regulations for the women, for thus were the days of their preparation apportioned: six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with perfumes and preparations for beautifying women.**
 - 2. Notice that Esther and the women went through **days** of preparation [or purification in KJV] not "a day" of preparation!
 - 3. God will also lead you ladies through "**days**" of preparation.
 - 4. What does these days entail?
 - a. **Days of oil of myrrh**- Myrrh was used to alleviate pain and to heal wounds.
Mar 15:23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.
 - b. **Days of perfume**- The Hebrew word for perfume [sweet odours in KJV] was used for the spices used for the holy incense of God. Perfume speaks of the holy incense of our worship to God.
 - c. First God wants to heal a lady of any wounds and pain in her heart. Many times these came from her dad or other men in her life. Often women have been abused and if the wounds from this are not healed then it will negatively affect her marriage.
 - d. Next, God wants a woman to go through a season in her life where she finds completion in Christ and worships Him as her all in all. If Christ is not Lord in the heart and the fulfillment of

a woman's heart she will create an idol relationship with a man. She will live to take from him and not live to give to him.

- e. A woman needs to understand and receive God's love for her. If not there are big problems for the marriage! **Prov. 30:23** **An unloved and repugnant woman when she is married, and a maidservant when she supplants her mistress.**
- f. What makes a woman beautiful is one that knows she is loved unconditionally and passionately. The lifestyle of worship of God will make a woman beautiful!

D. Rebecca- Gen 24:10 **And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.**

Gen 24:11 **And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.**

Gen 24:12 **And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.**

Gen 24:13 **Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:**

Gen 24:14 **And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.**

Gen 24:15 **And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.**

Gen 24:16 **And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.**

Gen 24:17 **And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.**

Gen 24:18 **And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.**

Gen 24:19 **And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.**

Gen 24:20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels.

Gen 24:21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

1. The servant did not just take any woman, or the prettiest one, or just any girl that wanted to hop onto his camel. No, he had a test for the wife of Isaac. Many singles have only two tests for a potential mate. It is the breathing test and if they are willing to marry you. Rebecca was given and passed the **servanthood test**. The servant prayed the girl who would be the one to marry Isaac would offer to give him water **and water his camels**. This would be the one!
2. I looked up how many gallons a camel drinks at one sitting. It is about 52 gallons. Now, it says she watered the camels plural. So if there were two camels, that was 104 gallons of water. They did not have a faucet over a trough in those days. She had to go to the well and draw up all this water with a bucket to water the camels. She must have been heavily sweating with her hair stuck to her face when she was done. The servant watched and smiled as she served him and the camels. The Holy Spirit gives ladies the same test. God wants ladies to pass the servanthood test because taking care of a husband and kids is like watering a bunch of camels! To be a godly wife and mother you must develop a servant's heart!
3. If Rebecca had not served and watered the camels she would have missed out. One of the camels she watered took her to her destiny. She rode upon her servanthood to her husband!

E. The Leading Test

Gen 24:55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us *a few days*, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

Gen 24:56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

Gen 24:57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

Gen 24:58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, **I will go**.

1. Rebecca was willing to be led. She believed the report of the servant and was willing to follow him wherever he took her.

2. The Holy Spirit wants you to learn to listen to him and follow him wherever He tells you.

F. **Ruth- Rth 1:15** **And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.**

Rth 1:16 **And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God:**

Rth 1:17 **Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.**

Rth 1:18 **When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.**

1. Ruth passed the loyalty and commitment test. She learned to be loyal and committed to the direction and the person God directed.

III. **How to prepare for marriage.**

A. Focus on your personal relationship with the Lord. Allow Him full access to your heart. Let him heal your wounds and help you to forgive those who hurt you.

B. Take your singleness as a time of devotion unto God and worship.

(1Co 7:32) **But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:**

(1Co 7:34) **There is difference *also* between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband.**

C. Cultivate a servanthood mindset. That starts where you are at. At your church. Here at the school.

D. Cultivate a relationship with the Holy Spirit and practice being led by Him now in the small things. Nothing is small to the Holy Spirit. Large doors swing on small hinges!

E. Ask God what and to whom you are to be loyal and committed. Stick with it and to them.