

Genesis
24:48-51,
58-67

Selection A3

*(In his love
for Rebekah,
Isaac found
solace after
the death of
his mother.)*

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The servant of Abraham said to Laban:

**“I bowed down in worship to the Lord,
blessing the Lord, the God of my master Abraham,
who had led me on the right road to obtain the daughter
of my master’s kinsman for his son.**

**If, therefore, you have in mind to show true loyalty to
my master, let me know; but if not, let me know that,
too. I can then proceed accordingly.”**

Laban and his household said in reply:

**“This thing comes from the Lord;
we can say nothing to you either for or against it.
Here is Rebekah, ready for you; take her with you,
that she may become the wife of your master’s son,
as the Lord has said.”**

So they called Rebekah and asked her,

“Do you wish to go with this man?”

She answered, “I do.”

**At this they allowed their sister Rebekah and her nurse
to take leave, along with Abraham’s servant and his
men.**

Invoking a blessing on Rebekah, they said:

**“Sister, may you grow into thousands of myriads;
And may your descendants gain possession
of the gates of their enemies!”**

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**Then Rebekah and her maids started out;
they mounted their camels and followed the man.
so the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.**

**Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi
and was living in the region of the Negeb. One day
toward evening he went out in the field,
and as he looked around, he noticed that camels were
approaching.**

**Rebekah, too, was looking about, and when she saw
him, she alighted from her camel and asked the servant,
“Who is the man out there, walking through the fields
toward us?”**

**“That is my master,” replied the servant. Then she
covered herself with her veil. The servant recounted to
Isaac all the things he had done.**

**Then Isaac took Rebekah into his tent; he married her,
and thus she became his wife.**

**In his love for her Isaac found solace after the death of
his mother Sarah.**

The Word of the Lord