

Essential Potential for Marriage

Genesis 24

Essentials:

1. What you need to know before marriage—considerations.

- a) Who you are (Genesis 12,18,21)
- b) Where to look (Genesis 24:3-4)
- c) What you're looking for:
 - Look with principles (v.4)
 - Look prayerfully (vs. 12-14)
 - Look for purity (v. 16)
 - Look for practicalities (vs. 18-21; v. 25)
 - Look at the parents (vs. 29-31; 50-51)

2. What you need to understand about marriage—commitment (v. 58)

- Will you?
- Will you go?
- Will you go with him?
- Will he go somewhere?
- Will we go with God? (v. 50)

3. What the bigger picture is in marriage—consecration

- Wealthy Father (vs. 34-35)
- Worthy Son (v. 36)
- Wooing Servant (v. 2)
- Worldly Culture (v. 3)
- Willing Bride (v. 58)
- Waiting Groom (vs. 62-65)
- Wonderful future (vs. 52-53; 66-67)

1 Peter 1:6-9 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.