## DAILY READING

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## A WIFE FOR ISAAC

**24** <sup>42</sup> "Today when I came to the spring, I prayed: Lord, God of my master Abraham, if only you will make my journey successful! <sup>43</sup> I am standing here at a spring. Let the young woman who comes out to draw water, and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jug,' <sup>44</sup> and who responds to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels also'—let her be the woman the Lord has appointed for my master's son.

<sup>45</sup> "Before I had finished praying silently, there was Rebekah coming with her jug on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. So I said to her, 'Please let me have a drink.' <sup>46</sup> She quickly lowered her jug from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels also.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup> Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She responded, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists. <sup>48</sup> Then I knelt low,

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worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who guided me on the right way to take the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. <sup>49</sup> Now, if you are going to show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; if not, tell me, and I will go elsewhere."

<sup>50</sup> Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is from the Lord; we have no choice in the matter. <sup>51</sup> Rebekah is here in front of you. Take her and go, and let her be a wife for your master's son, just as the Lord has spoken."

<sup>52</sup> When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed to the ground before the Lord. <sup>53</sup> Then he brought out objects of silver and gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious gifts to her brother and her mother. <sup>54</sup> Then he and the men with him ate and drank and spent the night. When they got up in the morning, he said, "Send me to my master."

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