

Reading

Genesis 24: 48–51. 58–67

Isaac loved Rebekah, and so he was consoled for the loss of his mother.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Abraham's servant said to Laban,

48 'I blessed the Lord, God of my master Abraham,
who had so graciously led me to choose
the daughter of my master's brother for his son.

49 Now tell me whether you are prepared
to show kindness and goodness to my master;
if not, say so, and I shall know what to do.'

50 Laban and Bethuel replied,

'This is from the Lord; it is not in our power to say yes or no to you.

51 Rebekah is there before you. Take her and go;
and let her become the wife of your master's son,
as the Lord has decreed.'

58 They called Rebekah and asked her,

'Do you want to leave with this man?'

'I do,' she replied.

59 Accordingly they let their sister Rebekah go, with her nurse,
and Abraham's servant and his men.

60 They blessed Rebekah in these words:

'Sister of ours, increase to thousands and tens of thousands!
May your descendants gain possession
of the gates of their enemies!'

61 Rebekah and her servants stood up, mounted the camels,
and followed the man.

The servant took Rebekah and departed.

62 Isaac, who lived in the Negeb,
had meanwhile come into the wilderness of the well of Lahai Roi.
63 Now Isaac went walking in the fields as evening fell,
and looking up saw camels approaching.

64 And Rebekah looked up and saw Isaac.
She jumped down from her camel,
65 and asked the servant,
‘Who is that man walking through the fields to meet us?’
The servant replied, ‘That is my master’;
then she took her veil and hid her face.

66 The servant told Isaac the whole story,
67 and Isaac led Rebekah into his tent and made her his wife;
and he loved her.
And so Isaac was consoled for the loss of his mother.

The word of the Lord.