

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Sovereign Over Us

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

INTERVIEW

SONG: The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

SONG: Ancient of Days

READING: Genesis 24:1-27 (pg. 17)

SERMON: Genesis 24

PRAYERS

SONG: Praise To The Lord The Almighty

BLESSING

NOTICES

Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church,
or wanting to be more involved,
we'd love to hear from you.
Scan the QR code or email
info@greenwich.church



Grace Groups

Join us for our small groups, 7:45pm – 9:15pm
in Greenwich (Tuesday or Wednesday) or the
Chantry, Mottingham (Wednesday). Speak to
Michaela, michaela.may@greenwich.church

Sunday Morning Venue

Our Sunday Morning venue will close for
several months from 16th April. Please see the
service sheet inlay for additional details.

Easter

7th Apr 10.45am Good Friday Service St. Helens,
sign in children at St. Andrews from 10.30am
9th Apr 10.30am Easter Sunday Service
Greenwich, no Eltham service.

Note: There will be no midweek Grace Groups
during the first 3 weeks of April (2nd-20th)

Jesus: a Sceptic's Guide: 14-21 May

Please think and pray about events that you
could organise for sceptical friends and
neighbours during our annual mission week.

Summer Camps

A wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel
with young people – many camps are still
looking for helpers, leaders, cooks, campers.
See the weekly email for full details.

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the
donations of its members – you can give by
bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or visit
www.greenwich.church/give To give tax
efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church



Welcome!

Sunday 26th March 2023

*“We know that for those who love God
all things work together for good,
for those who are called
according to his purpose.”*

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

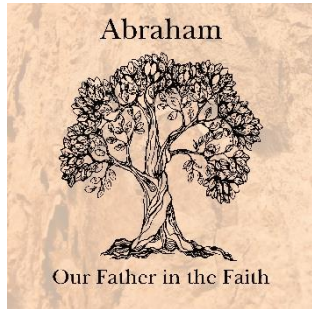
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Genesis 24 (ESV)



¹Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. ²And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh, ³that I may make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, ⁴but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” ⁵The servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?” ⁶Abraham said to him, “See to it that you do not take my son back there. ⁷The Lord, the God of heaven, who

took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. ⁸But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.” ⁹So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

¹⁰Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. ¹¹And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. ¹²And he said, “O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. ¹³Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴Let the young woman to whom I shall say, ‘Please let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.”

¹⁵Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. ¹⁶The young woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. ¹⁷Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water to drink from your jar.” ¹⁸She said, “Drink, my lord.” And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. ¹⁹When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.” ²⁰So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels. ²¹The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the Lord had prospered his journey or not.

²²When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, ²³and said, “Please tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?” ²⁴She said to him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” ²⁵She added, “We have plenty of both straw and fodder, and room to spend the night.” ²⁶The man bowed his head and worshiped the Lord ²⁷and said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the Lord has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen.”

The rest of Genesis 24 can be found on page 17 of the church Bibles.

How will the Lord accomplish his plans?

1. The Lord accomplishes his plans through His people's faithfulness

and his providence

Abraham's faith-filled planning

The servant's prayerful dependence

Rebekah's courageous faith

2. ... and He simultaneously cares for his dear children

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

How does seeing how the Lord accomplishes His plans encourage you to be active, prayerful, and confident? Which of these encouragements do you need most right now?

Do you ever feel like your needs might be too insignificant for the Lord to be concerned with? How does this passage encourage you?