
NOTES:

RESOLUTION OPTIONS

1. I will have a conversation with my children about important priorities to look for in a future spouse.
2. I will offer one form of penance every day this week for my children's future spouse to grow in holiness.
3. I will bless my children by treating them to something special.
4. I will speak with someone I care about who is in a relationship that is leading him/her away from Christ.
5. I will take my daughter shopping. On the drive we will talk about why modesty is important.
6. I will pray a rosary with my family and offer up the intention for my children's vocations.
7. I will choose one day this weekend for our family to put away all technology and do something together as a family.

MY RESOLUTION

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“PRAY GIVE ME A LITTLE WATER TO DRINK FROM YOUR JAR.”
-ABRAHAM’S SERVANT

OPENING PRAYER

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PRAYER PARTNERS

PSALM 45

- ¹ My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
- ² You are the fairest of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you for ever.
- ³ Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty one, in your glory and majesty!
- ⁴ In your majesty ride forth victoriously
for the cause of truth and to defend the right;
let your right hand teach you dread deeds!
- ⁵ Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.
- ⁶ Your divine throne endures for ever and ever.
Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;
- ⁷ you love righteousness and hate wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows;
- ⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
- ⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
- ¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house;
- ¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him;
- ¹² the people of Tyre will sue your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth.
- ¹³ The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;
- ¹⁴ in many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train.
- ¹⁵ With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.
- ¹⁶ Instead of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.
- ¹⁷ I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

A WIFE FOR ISAAC

GENESIS 24

1. What are Abraham's priorities in acquiring a wife for his son? How do these priorities inform a Patriarch's priorities regarding marriages in his family?
2. What does it mean that "the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things"? What is the evidence of Abraham's "blessings" in this Chapter?
3. What role does the LORD play in this arrangement? What role do Abraham's "blessings" play in this arrangement?
4. Where does the servant meet Rebekah? How is this location significant for later encounters in Sacred Scripture?
5. In Gen 24:65, Rebekah "took her veil and covered herself." What is the value of a veil? When is a woman properly "unveiled"? How does a Patriarch honor modesty? How does a Patriarch inculcate modesty in his offspring?
6. This is the last story of Abraham's life. Why is that significant? For what purpose are all of a Patriarch's "blessings"?