

I. C.S LEWIS STORY

- A. One of the most influential Christian thinkers of the 20th century, C. S. Lewis did not grow up believing in Christ. In fact, he was an outspoken atheist for years. But he later described feeling like he was being “pursued.” He wrote that he felt like the most reluctant convert in England not because someone argued him into the faith, but because he sensed an inner pressure he could not escape. No lightning bolt. No emotional crusade. Just a growing conviction that Jesus was real.
1. In his own words, he said he was “dragged kicking and screaming” into the Kingdom.
- B. That was not human persuasion. That was the role of the Holy Spirit in the world convicting, drawing, and revealing Christ.
- C. God is the great initiator
1. Before anyone ever seeks Jesus, the Spirit is already seeking them.
 - a) ***44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. Jn 6:44***
 - b) ***16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—Jn 15:16***
 - c) ***We love because He first loved us—1Jn 4:19***

II. CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND OF GENESIS 24:1-4

- A. Sara, Abraham's wife, just died in Genesis 23, and now Abraham is old and nearing the end of his life. Abraham charged his oldest and most trusted servant to select a wife for his heir and son Isaac from among his relatives in the country where Abraham had once lived. (modern day Iraq)
- B. Remembering the promises God made in Genesis 12 and 15, Abraham stepped forward in faith, trusting that through Isaac and his seed God would bless all the nations.

- C. This story isn't mainly about a love story—it's about protecting God's promise. Abraham is driven by the desire to preserve the covenant, not merely to arrange a marriage.

- 1. In Genesis 24:1–4, Abraham moves forward in faith to preserve the covenant God established with him, ensuring that Isaac's marriage would protect and advance the spiritual lineage through which God would bring Jesus and fulfill His global redemptive plan.

III. GENESIS 24:1-4

- 1. ***24 Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; 4 but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."***

IV. TYPES IN THIS STORY

- A. ABRAHAM- AS THE FATHER
- B. ISSAAC AS THE PROMISED SON JESUS
- C. REBEKAH AS THE CHURCH (THE BRIDE OF CHRIST)
- D. THE SERVANT AS THE HOLY SPIRIT

V. SEVEN THINGS WE LEARN ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS STORY

1. HE IS A FAITHFUL SERVANT

- a) ***The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name-Jn 14:26***

2. SENT BY THE FATHER

- a) ***Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you;-Luke 24:49***

3. SENT TO FIND A BRIDE FOR JESUS

a) **17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" -Rev 22:17**

4. GIVES GIFTS TO THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

a) **So I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists. Gen 24:47**

b) **When He ascended on high... He gave gifts to men."-Eph 4:8**

5. CLOTHES THE BRIDE

a) **53 Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. -Gen 24:53**

b) **But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.- Lk 24:49**

6. NEVER BRINGS ATTENTION TO HIMSELF

a) **SERVANT IS HUMBLE NEVER HAS A NAME IN THE STORY**

7. PRAYS FOR THE BRIDE

a) **12 Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.-GEN 24:12**

b) **but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. -Rom 8:26**

VI. THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

- A. While Genesis 24 does not explicitly mention the Holy Spirit, many teachers have seen the servant's role as a powerful *type* (illustration) of the Spirit's ministry in redemptive history and His role in the world to find a bride who will say yes, and prepare her for a wedding .
- B. Abraham sends the servant to secure a bride for Isaac a beautiful picture of what our heavenly Father has done by sending the Spirit into the world on mission to secure a Bride for His Son

VII. HOLY SPIRITS ROLE IN THE LOST WORLD

1. ***8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.-Jn 16:8-10***

B. CONVICT OF SIN

1. The word involves showing someone his or her sin and guilt with a view to securing repentance. The Spirit is sent to awaken man's heart to see their desperate need for a Savior.
2. What sin? The sin of rejecting and not believing in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior.

C. CONVICT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. The Holy Spirit reveals the righteousness of Christ demonstrated at the cross and exposes the self righteousness of man.

D. CONVICT OF JUDGEMENT TO COME

1. The Spirit reveals the decisive judgment of Satan on the cross and the future judgement on all those who reject Jesus' way to salvation.

VIII. OTHER ROLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WORLD

A. TO BEAR WITNESS OF JESUS

1. ***"When the Helper comes... the Spirit of truth... He will bear witness about Me."*— John 15:26**
2. ***For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.-1Jn 5:7***
 - a) The Spirit continually confirms the finished work of Christ.

B. TESTIFIES THE INCARNATION OF JESUS

1. ***By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God. -1 Jn 4:2***

a) The Spirit always affirms the incarnation and lordship of Christ.

C. TO GLORIFY JESUS

1. It is striking that Abraham's servant remains unnamed in Genesis 24. Many see a parallel with the Holy Spirit, who does not draw attention to Himself but faithfully points to the Son.

2. In Genesis 24, the servant constantly talks about Isaac – not about himself, showing one of the primary roles of the Holy Spirit is to bring glory and worship to Jesus and not Himself.

a) ***"He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."– John 16:14***

IX. THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE END OF THE AGE

A. REVEAL THE BEAUTY, MAJESTY, AND GLORY OF JESUS

1. ***7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.-Rev 1:7***

2. ***In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious;-Is 4:2***

B. ORCHESTRATE THE GREATEST GLOBAL REVIVAL AND HARVEST

1. ***And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;-Acts 2:17***

2. ***Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe. -Rev 14:15***

C. CONFRONT EVIL WITH PROPHETIC POWER

1. -Rev 11:3

X. **REBEKAH WAS INVITED TO A WEDDING AND SHE SAID YES**

1. **2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come-Mt 22:2-3**