

## The Spirit And The Bride 3015

### I. Introduction

- A. Rev. 21:17—The Holy Spirit inspires and teaches Christ’s Bride, the Church, preparing her for her union with Christ.
- B. John 14:15–18—Jesus warns His disciples that He is about to leave them, but promises to send another Comforter in His place.
  - 1. “Comforter” = “Advocate,” *one called in alongside* to plead our cause.
  - 2. As Christians, we have two divine advocates: the Holy Spirit on earth; Christ in heaven. (See 1 John 2:1.)
- C. John 14:25–26—Jesus leaves His teaching of the disciples incomplete, but promises to send the Holy Spirit as *Teacher* and *Remembrancer*.
- D. John 16:6–7—Jesus again promises an *exchange of persons*. He must first go; then the Holy Spirit will come in His place.
- E. John 16:12–15—Two further aspects of the Spirit’s ministry to the disciples: *Revelator* and *Administrator*.

### II. Parable From Genesis Chapter 24

- A. *Persons* in the parable
  - 1. Abraham typifies God the Father
  - 2. Isaac typifies Christ the Son
  - 3. Rebecca, the chosen bride, typifies the Church
  - 4. The unnamed servant is the Holy Spirit’s self-portrait
- B. Points From The Parable
  - 1. v. 2, 10—The servant ruled over all the goods of his master
  - 2. v. 12–14—The servant prays for the chosen damsel to be identified
  - 3. v. 17–20—Rebecca’s response: water both for the servant and for his camels
  - 4. v. 22—Rebecca receives the first gifts
  - 5. v. 25—Rebecca offers room both for the servant and for his camels
  - 6. v. 31—The room is prepared
  - 7. v. 53—The servant gives more precious gifts to Rebecca and to her family
  - 8. v. 58—Rebecca’s decision: “I will go”
  - 9. v. 60—Rebecca’s prophesied destiny and fruitfulness (to be fulfilled in the Church)
- C. Application
  - 1. Rebecca’s response to the servant determined her destiny
  - 2. Rebecca drew water for the servant and the camels (faith plus works)
  - 3. The servant’s gifts marked Rebecca out as the chosen bride
  - 4. Rebecca made room for the servant and his camels
  - 5. By receiving the servant, Rebecca brought blessing to her whole family
  - 6. The servant was Rebecca’s only source of knowledge about the Father, the Son, and the inheritance
  - 7. Rebecca had no map. She was led by the servant
  - 8. Rebecca went to meet the bridegroom wearing his gifts