

### Breishit 24:3-6

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, but will go to the land of my birth and get a wife for my son Isaac.” And the servant said to him, “What if the woman does not consent to follow me to this land, shall I then take your son back to the land from which you came?”

וְאֲשַׁבְּעֶךָ בַּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֱלֹהֵי  
הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־תִקַּח אִשָּׁה לְבְנִי מִבְּנוֹת  
הַכְּנַעֲנִי אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּקִרְבָּם: כִּי  
אֶל־אֶרֶצִי וְאֶל־מוֹלַדְתִּי תֵלֶךְ וְלִקְחַתְּ אִשָּׁה  
לְבְנִי לִיְצַחְקִי: וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו הָעֶבֶד אוֹלֵי  
לֹא־תֵאבְדָה הָאִשָּׁה לְלֶכֶת אַחֲרַי אֶל־הָאָרֶץ  
הַזֹּאת הֲשֵׁב אֲשִׁיב אֶת־בְּנִךְ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ  
אֲשֶׁר־יָצֵאת מִשָּׁם:

### Breishit 24:12-28, and 49

And he said, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, grant me good fortune this day, and deal **graciously** with my master Abraham: Here I stand by the spring as the daughters of the townsmen come out to draw water; let the maiden to whom I say, ‘Please, lower your jar that I may drink,’ and who replies, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels’—let her be the one whom You have decreed for Your servant Isaac. Thereby shall I know that You have dealt **graciously** with my master.”

וַיֹּאמֶר | יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי אֲבִרְהֶם  
הַקְּרֹה־נָא לִפְנֵי הַיּוֹם וְעִשֵׂה־חֵסֶד עִם אֲדֹנָי  
אֲבִרְהֶם: הִנֵּה אֲנִי נֹצֵב עַל־עֵינַי הַיּוֹם  
וּבְנוֹת אֲנִשֵׁי הָעִיר יֵצְאוּ לְשֹׂאֵב מַיִם: וְהָיָה  
הַנְּעֻרָה אֲשֶׁר אֹמֵר אֵלֶיהָ הִטִּי־נָא כַּדָּךְ  
וְאֲשִׁתָּה וְאֹמְרָה שְׁתֵּה וְגַם־גְּמְלִיךָ אֲשַׁקֶּה  
אֹתָהּ הַכַּחֲתִי לְעִבְדְּךָ לִיְצַחְקִי וְבָה אֲדַע  
כִּי־עָשִׂיתָ חֵסֶד עִם־אֲדֹנָי:

He had scarcely finished speaking, when Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, the son of Milcah the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder. The maiden was very beautiful, a virgin whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. The servant ran toward her and said, “Please, let me sip a little water from your jar.” “Drink, my lord,” she said, and she **quickly** lowered her jar upon her hand and let him drink. When she had let him drink his fill, she said, “I will also draw for your camels, until they finish drinking.” **Quickly** emptying her jar into the trough, she **ran** back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. The man, meanwhile, stood gazing at her, silently wondering whether the LORD had made his errand successful or not.

וְהָיָה־וָא טָרַם כֹּלָה לְדַבֵּר וְהָיָה רִבְקָה  
יָצְאָה אֶת אֲשֶׁר יִלְדָה לְבִתּוֹ וְאֶל בְּנֵי־מִלְכָה אֲשֶׁת  
נְחוּר אֶחָי אֲבִרְהֶם וְכַדָּה עַל־שִׁכְמָה:  
וְהַנְּעֻרָה טִבַּת מְרֹאָה מְאֹד בְּתוֹלָה וְאִישׁ לֹא  
יָדָע וְתָרַד הָעֵינָה וְתַמְלֵא כַדָּה וְתַעַל: וַיֵּרָץ  
הָעֶבֶד לִקְרֹאתָהּ וַיֹּאמֶר הַגְּמִיאִינִי נָא  
מִעֵט־מַיִם מִכַּדְּךָ: וְתֹאמֶר שְׁתֵּה אֲדֹנָי  
וְתַמְהָר וְתָרַד כַדָּה עַל־יָדָה וְתַשְׁקֶהוּ:  
וְתִכַּל לְהַשְׁקִתוֹ וְתֹאמֶר גַּם לְגְמְלִיךָ אֲשַׁבֵּב  
עַד אִם־כָּלוּ לְשִׁתָּת: וְתַמְהָר וְתַעַר כַדָּה  
אֶל־הַשְׁקֵת וְתָרַץ עוֹד אֶל־הַבְּאֵר לְשֹׂאֵב  
וְתַשָּׁבֵב לְכָל־גְּמְלֵיו: וְהָאִישׁ מִשְׁתַּאֲהָ לָהּ  
מִחֲרִישׁ לִדְ עַת הֲהַצְלִיחַ יְהוָה דְּרָכּוֹ  
אִם־לֹא:

When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold nose-ring weighing a half-shekel, and two gold

bands for her arms, ten shekels in weight. “Pray tell me,” he said, “whose daughter are you? Is there room in your father’s house for us to spend the night?” She replied, “I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” And she went on, “There is plenty of straw and feed at home, and also room to spend the night.” The man bowed low in homage to the LORD and said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not withheld His **steadfast faithfulness** from my master. For I have been guided on my errand by the LORD, to the house of my master’s kinsmen.” The man bowed low in homage to the LORD. and said, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not withheld His steadfast faithfulness from my master. For I have been guided on my errand by the LORD, to the house of my master’s kinsmen.” The maiden **ran** and told all this to her mother’s household.

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And now, if you mean to treat my master with true **kindness**, tell me; and if not, tell me also, that I may turn right or left.

### Breishit 18: 2,6-8

Looking up, he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he **ran** from the entrance of the tent to greet them and, bowing to the ground,

Abraham **hastened** into the tent to Sarah, and said, “**Quick**, three seahs of choice flour! Knead and make cakes!” Then Abraham **ran** to the herd, took a calf, tender and choice, and gave it to a servant-boy, who **hastened** to prepare it.

### Breishit 24:58-60

They called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” And she said, “**I will**.” So they sent off their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “O sister! **May you grow** Into thousands of

וַיְהִי כִּי־יָשָׁר כָּל־הַגְּמִלִים לְשִׁתּוֹת וַיִּקַּח  
הָאִישׁ נָזֶם זָהָב בְּקַע מִשְׁקָלוֹ וּשְׁנֵי צַמִּידִים  
עַל־יָדָיָה עֲשָׂרָה זָהָב מִשְׁקָלָם: וַיֹּאמֶר  
בֶּת־מִי אַתְּ הַגִּידִי נָא לִי הִישׁ בֵּית־אָבִיךָ  
מְקוֹם לָנוּ לָלֵין: וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו בֵּת־בֶּתוּאֵל  
אֲנֹכִי בֶן־מִלְכָּה אֲשֶׁר יְלָדָה לְנַחוֹר: וַתֹּאמֶר  
אֵלָיו גַּם־תָּבֵן גַּם־מִסְפּוֹא רַב עִמָּנוּ  
גַם־מְקוֹם לָלוּן: וַיִּקַּד הָאִישׁ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ  
לַיהוָה: וַיֹּאמֶר בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי  
אֲבֹרָהֶם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־עֲזָב חֲסֵדוֹ וְאִמְתּוֹ מֵעַם  
אֲדֹנָי אֲנֹכִי בַדֶּרֶךְ נָחֲנִי יְהוָה בֵּית אַחִי  
אֲדֹנָי: וַיִּקַּד הָאִישׁ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ לַיהוָה: וַיֹּאמֶר  
בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי אֲבֹרָהֶם אֲשֶׁר  
לֹא־עֲזָב חֲסֵדוֹ וְאִמְתּוֹ מֵעַם אֲדֹנָי אֲנֹכִי  
בַדֶּרֶךְ נָחֲנִי יְהוָה בֵּית אַחִי אֲדֹנָי: וַתֵּרַץ  
הַנַּעֲרָה וַתִּגְדַּל לְבֵית אִמָּה כַּדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה:

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וְעַתָּה אִם־יִשְׁלַח עִשָׂים חֶסֶד וְאִמְתּוֹ  
אֶת־אֲדֹנָי הַגִּידוּ לִי וְאִם־לֹא הַגִּידוּ לִי וְאִפְנָה  
עַל־יָמִין אִו עַל־שְׂמָאל:”

וַיֵּשֶׁא עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא וַהֲנֵה שְׁלֹשָׁה אַנְשִׁים נֹצְבִים  
עָלָיו: וַיֵּרָא וַיֵּרַץ לִקְרֹאתָם מִפֶּתַח הָאֵהָל  
וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ אֶרְצָה:

וַיִּמְהַר אֲבֹרָהֶם הָאֵהָלָה אֶל־שָׂרָה וַיֹּאמֶר  
מְהֵרָה שְׁלֵשׁ סָאִים קִמַּח סֹלֶת לוּשִׁי וַעֲשִׂי  
עֲגוֹת: וְאֶל־הַבָּקָר כֹּץ אֲבֹרָהֶם וַיִּקַּח בֶּן־בָּקָר  
כֹּר וְטוֹב וַיִּתֵּן אֶל־הַנַּעֲרָה לַעֲשׂוֹת אֹתוֹ:

וַיִּקְרְאוּ לְרֵבֶקָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלֶיהָ הַתְּלַכִּי  
עִם־הָאִישׁ הַזֶּה וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָּהּ: וַיִּשְׁלְחוּ  
אֶת־רֵבֶקָה אַחֲתָם וְאֶת־מִנְקֵתָהּ  
וְאֶת־עַבְדֵי אֲבֹרָהֶם וְאֶת־אֲנָשָׁיו: וַיְבָרְכוּ  
אֶת־רֵבֶקָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לָהּ אַחֲתָנוּ אֵת הִיא

myriads; May your offspring seize **The gates of their foes.**

לְאַלְפֵי רַבְבָּהּ וַיִּירָשׁ זֶרְעֶךָ אֶת שַׁעַר שְׂנְאָיו:

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**Breishit 12:4**

Abram **went forth** as the LORD had commanded him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

וַיֵּלֶךְ אַבְרָם כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּלֶךְ אִתּוֹ לוֹט וְאַבְרָם בֶּן-חֲמִשׁ שָׁנִים וְשִׁבְעִים שָׁנָה בִּצְאוֹ מִחָרָן:

**Breishit 22:17**

I will bestow My blessing upon you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and the sands on the seashore; and your descendants shall seize **the gates of their foes.**

כִּי-בָרַךְ אֲבָרְכְךָ וְהִרְבָּה אַרְבֵּה אֶת-זֶרְעֶךָ כְּכֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְכַחֹל אֲשֶׁר עַל-שֵׁפֶת הַיָּם וַיִּרָשׁ זֶרְעֶךָ אֶת שַׁעַר אִיְבָיו:

**Breishit 12:2**

I will make of you a great nation, And I will bless you; I will make your name great, And **you shall be** a blessing.

וְאֶעֱשֶׂךָ לְגוֹי גָדוֹל וְאֲבָרְכְךָ וְאֶגְדַּלְהָ שְׁמֶךָ וְהָיָה בְרָכָה:

When I was young I admired cleverness. Now that I am old I find I admire kindness more. - Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heshel (as cited by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks in his essay *The Kindness of Strangers.*)