

seeking a bride for their Master, Christ? and has he not set an example of self-abnegation which it would be well for all such to follow?

When Eliezer arrived at the city of Haran he halted by a well in its suburbs, as he knew that it was the custom for young women of all ranks of society to go out at eventide to draw water, and hence he would have a favorable opportunity for prosecuting his business. Eliezer, believing in combining prayer with effort, now presents his case before God. There are some who act as if religion was not designed to influence their conduct towards any except the great God, and approach him in prayer, while a servant, a child, or a domestic animal, suffers on account of the time chosen for devotional exercises. Such was not the piety of this man. There is much doubt in my mind whether, if Eliezer had lived in modern times and in this climate, he would have enjoyed the services of the sanctuary while his horse was standing exposed to winter's chilling blasts and piercing cold. At any rate, we find him caring for the comfort of his camels, and causing them to kneel—their usual posture of rest—before he offers prayer. One reading the narrative seems to see the weary, aged man on his knees, with hands uplifted to heaven, and hear him plead for the success of the undertaking, and for such and such tokens as proof that God would show kindness unto his master. This prayer is invested with peculiar interest, as it