

that promise. Confident that God's promise could not fail he had purchased a family burial-ground, and already he had there made a most precious deposit, and had directed that his remains should be there interred. But if Isaac should go to Haran, and there reside, it would be a virtual abandonment of the promise, and would not that be dishonoring the Promiser? With these considerations before his mind Abraham told his steward not to conduct Isaac to Haran. God would, he believed, send his angel before him and hence his efforts would be successful; but if, as Eliezer had suggested, the woman chosen should not be willing to follow him, he should be released from his oath. Eliezer no longer hesitated, but "sware to him concerning the matter."

All the goods of Abraham were in the hands of his steward, and he, far more solicitous about the honor of the family than were they themselves, made ample arrangement to exhibit their rank and wealth. He, taking jewels of silver, jewels of gold, changes of raiment, the choice fruits of his favored land, ten camels, and a number of men-servants, set off.

The long, toilsome journey is passed over in silence. Intent upon his errand—the obtaining of a wife for his master's son—the difficulties encountered are patiently and even cheerfully endured. May not Eliezer be considered as a type of the servants of God.