

as her brother Laban saw the golden earrings, and the golden jewels which the servant had given her, he immediately rushed out and said come in, thou blessed of the Lord, we have a place for you here. Even in the home of this, the children of ~~Abere~~ Abraham where this woman, and God had obtained for Isaac, we find this characteristic of Adam, ^{avarice} displayed on the part of her brother there, at this early point in the story. Then, of course, we have the servant bringing ~~her~~ her home, not waiting, they wanted to keep her a few more days, but he took her immediately, and they started right off, and then we have Isaac out in the field, and when he sees her out there, he sees her coming, and rushed forward, and then we read that she came into his tent and he was comforted, for the death of his mother Sarah. That's all we find out about Isaac here. Isaac was the dutiful son who ~~did what he~~ did what his father said, and who followed because his father accepted God he accepted God, and he was saved and one who is one of the patriarchs but one who distinctly is not one of the great leaders, very distinctly a follower, a necessary follower, a link in the chain. Far better to be a follower of one who is true than to be a leader in ~~what~~ that which is false and wicked. Far better. But he is not one of the leaders. Well of course the fourth incident in Isaac's life which occurs to us immediately -- there are a few incidents given which do not, which are comparatively little stressed in usual Bible study, the main reason for this being that they are simply repetition of things which had been done by Abraham before. But the next incident in Isaac's life which is familiar to everybody is the attempt of Isaac, after his father was gone and it was longer possible for him to have his father's example before him, and therefore to do just what his father would have wanted to do, it was his attempt to go contrary to God's will. God had distinctly prophesied that the younger son would serve the elder, or that the elder son would serve the younger. And that Jacob the younger son would be the leader, but Isaac liked the older son better. The older son was the type of boy that Isaac preferred and Isaac wanted Esau