

CLAIMING GOD'S PROMISES FOR A WIFE

An Encouragement for Single Men who are Looking

- I. A wife is a gift from God. (You married men do not take your wives for granted. You are blessed to have a wife. Many single men have looked and are still looking but God has not opened the door yet.)
 - a. Proverbs 18:22 - A wife is a good thing.
 - b. Proverbs 19:14 - A prudent wife is from the LORD.
 - c. James 1:16-17 - Every good gift is from God.

- II. Marriage is honorable. (Heb. 13:4) Having the desire to get married is good.
 - a. Genesis 2:18-25 - God created marriage. God created the institution of marriage before sin entered the world. Having the desire to get married is not sin. God Himself said "It is not good that man should be alone."
 - b. 1 Cor. 11:9 - Woman was created for man. God knows the inner need of man. God knows the need of man for a helper and a companion. Genesis 2:19-20 - The animals could not satisfy man's inner need.

- III. Biblical Principles in Looking for a Wife - Genesis 24 (A Wife is Sought for Isaac)
 - a. Choose a believer - Genesis 24:3, 37. Abraham told his servant not to get a wife for his son Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites (unbelievers). Read 2 Cor. 6:14-18 - "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers."
 - b. Abraham's servant depended on God to provide a wife and he bathed the whole mission in prayer – Genesis 24:11-14.
 - c. Abraham completely depended on the LORD to provide – Genesis 24:7, 40.
 - d. Looking is not a lack of faith on one's part. God wants us to be looking and in the same time praying and depending on God. Abraham's servant went out and looked. He did not stay idle hoping God will provide – Genesis 24. Jacob went out to look for a wife – Genesis 28-29. In Proverbs 18:22 it says "He who finds a wife finds a good thing". In order to find you have to seek. But sometimes looking does not avail anything and we can do nothing but utterly depend on God and trust in God and wait on God.
 - e. Look for godly character in a potential wife (1 Peter 3:1-6). Good looks should be secondary (Proverbs 31:30).

BIBLE PROMISES TO CLAIM IN WAITING ON GOD FOR A WIFE

*"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; **No good thing will He withhold** from those who walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11)*

*"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!**"
(Matthew 7:11)*

*"The young lions lack and suffer hunger; **But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.**" (Psalm 34:10)*

*"And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; **I will make him a helper comparable to him.**" (Genesis 2:18)*

*"But he said to me, **'The Lord, before whom I walk, will send His angel with you and prosper your way; and you shall take a wife for my son from my family and from my father's house.'**" (Genesis 24:40)*

*"**He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"** (Romans 8:32)*

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! Matthew 7:7-11

⁴ Delight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
⁵ Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring *it* to pass. Psalm 37:4-5

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33

¹⁴ Wait on the LORD;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the LORD! Psalm 27:14