

“The Deaths and Marriages of Sojourners”

Genesis 22:20–25:11

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Death: Genesis 23:1–20

“By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.” (Hebrews 11:11)

“For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah.” (1 Peter 3:5–6)

“For the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)

“Jesus wept.” (John 11:35)

“God’s promise did not end with his own death or with the death of his family. For while the corpses themselves were silent and speechless, the tomb cried out that death was no obstacle to their taking possession of their inheritance.” (John Calvin)

Marriage: Genesis 24:1–67

“A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 7:39)

Death: Genesis 25:1–11

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Application #1: We Are Sojourners

“Sojourners and exiles.” (1 Peter 2:11)

“Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 3:20)

“These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.” (Hebrews 11:13–16)

Application #2: We Live for the Promises of God

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:13–14)

