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“And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand” (Gen. 24:33).

It is instructive to see how the servant would not satisfy his own needs until he had done the will of his master, Abraham. The servant’s actions teach us that, as Christians, we ought always to consider the will of our Master first and in all things.

If we prayed in reality, “Not my will, but Thine, be done,” what wonderful blessings might result! Would there not be more earnest service for our Lord a more wholehearted evangelism born of love for Christ and lost souls a sweet peace enjoyed among brethren?

Our families and assemblies benefit greatly too: love displayed and enjoyed in every facet of our lives between husbands and wives, parents and children, and among brethren too. Surely there would be a more real, precious sense of “abiding” in Him, seeking to fulfill His blessed will in this scene.

How empty and shallow our lives as believers can become if we seek to ensure our own satisfaction through family, careers, possessions or hobbies, rather than seeking first His will in all our actions.

May this principle found in Abraham’s faithful servant have its proper and formative effect in the lives of each believer: “I will not eat, until I have told mine errand”!

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