Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and the face of this company to join together _____

and

in holy matrimony.

If anyone knows any reason why these should not be so joined, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

The Bible says the Lord Jesus, during His earthly ministry, attended a wedding at Cana of Galilee where He worked His first miracle and brought a special blessing to that occasion. Let us begin this service by asking His blessings on this occasion as well. (Prayer).

Now let me ask, Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

and wanted me to share the gospel at their wedding. I don't know any better way to do that than to present the parallel which we see in the marriage of Isaac and Rebecca in the O.T. Notice...

I. WHAT CAN BE SEEN IN ABRAHAM'S SON ISAAC.

1. Isaac had a miraculous birth. God gave Abram and Sarah this son when it was humanly impossible. Isaac's birth is a type of our Saviour who had a miraculous birth.

> "Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Mt. 1:23).

2. Isaac was offered as a sacrifice and received up in a figure of death. Isaac being offered is a type of our Lord Jesus who was offered up on Calvary's cross for our sins.

> "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."(I Pet. 3:18).

3. Isaac was looking for a bride to bring joy to his heart and complete his life. This is what the Lord Jesus is seeking and why He

gave Himself on the cross.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost (Lk.19:10)....Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...(Heb. 12:2).

Now to secure a bride for Isaac his father Abraham sent his servant to search out the one for him. Notice...

II. WHAT CAN BE SEEN IN ABRAHAM' SERVANT.

1. Abram's servant was sent to seek a bride for Isaac. And he went a great distance to find her. This servant is a type of the Holy Spirit and His work in our day. He is seeking a people who will make up the Bride of Christ.

"And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment." (Jn. 16:8).

2. Abram's servant told Rebecca all about Isaac, his master's son. This is what the Holy Spirit is doing in our day. He is testifying of Christ. Jesus said...

"But when the Comforter is come... He will testify of Me." (Jn:15:26).

3. Abraham's servant presented Rebecca with a wonderful opportunity but she had to decide of her own free will. It wasn't a matter of being forced. This is what a person must do today, he must believe the testimony of the Holy Spirit and be led to receive Christ of his own free will. The Bible says:

> "He that believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." (Jn:3:36). Now notice....

III. WHAT CAN BE SEEN IN REBECCA'S DECISION

1. Rebecca believed the testimony of Abraham's servant and she was led to Isaac. And just as Rebecca believed his witness, this is what we must do. We must believe the testimony of the Holy Spirit in order to be led to Christ.

"Wherefore, as the Holy Spirit saith, Today if ye will hear His voice." (Heb. 3:7).

- 2. Rebecca exercised faith and followed Abraham's servant who led her to Isaac. This is what we must do also. We must be led by the Holy Spirit to receive Christ as our Saviour. It is only then that we become a part of His Bride and enter a relationship with Him.
- 3. Rebecca accepted Isaac and entered into a wonderful relationship with him. This is what believers have entered into when they accept Jesus Christ.

"My beloved is mine, and I am His." (Song:2:16).

and ______ are entering into a wonderful relationship today and like Isaac and Rebecca's wedding it is a beautiful picture of Christ and His bride, the church.

If you have never entered into that wonderful relationship with Christ as a believer, I hope you'll consider this parallel and receive Christ as your Saviour.

Mr. and Mrs.