

## Genesis 24:12

*Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham."*

How many of us, for the most part, like our job?  
How many of us like the company we work for, what they do or sale?  
How many of us like our boss?

For me, I like my job, the company I work for and even my boss. And you may feel the same way. But let me ask you this, have we ever prayed for our boss? No, not that he or she would give us a raise or a promotion, or if you don't like your boss, that God would replace them with someone you like. But I mean have we ever prayed for God to bless your job, or even the company we work for?

In today's verse, the entire chapter of Genesis 24 is not really about Abraham or Isaac, Abraham's son. I mean it is, because it tells the story of how Abraham sent his servant to get a wife for his son Isaac. But when you read this story, a huge portion is about the servant's obedience to his master Abraham. You could think of it as a worker's obedience to the company that he or she works for and his or her boss.

Let me point out one other thing in this story, we are never told the name of Abraham's servant. But Abraham knew who he was, and so did God. But we don't, all we read about is the result of his obedience to his master (or boss) Abraham.

But the servant knew he had a job to do, and that job right now was to go get a wife for his master's (Abraham) son, Isaac. When you read the story, if you read it carefully, you read of Abraham, letting his servant know that he is on God's mission, and that God will be with him as he goes. So, knowing that God is in control of this, he stops and prays for success in his job, but also for his master (boss) Abraham. And we read that in today's verse.

† *"show kindness to my master Abraham."*

And as we read the story, God answered the servant's prayer and blessed him and his master (boss).

So, what if we started to do the same thing? What if we started to pray for good things, I repeat, "good things" for our boss. He or she may be a jerk, at least in your eyes, but what is he or she in God's eyes. Does God want to bless him or her, and also bless you as well in your job? I would think possibly yes, so let's pray for those blessings on our boss, the company we work for and even our fellow employees. Maybe pray that God would bless one of them with that promotion instead of you, because you know they deserve it, or they need it more than you. We pray for

ourselves, our family and our church family and friends, let's start praying for our employer as well, and see what God wants to do in their life and possibly bless us along the way as well.

† **1 Peter 2:18** *Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.*

† **Ephesians 6:5-8** *Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.*