

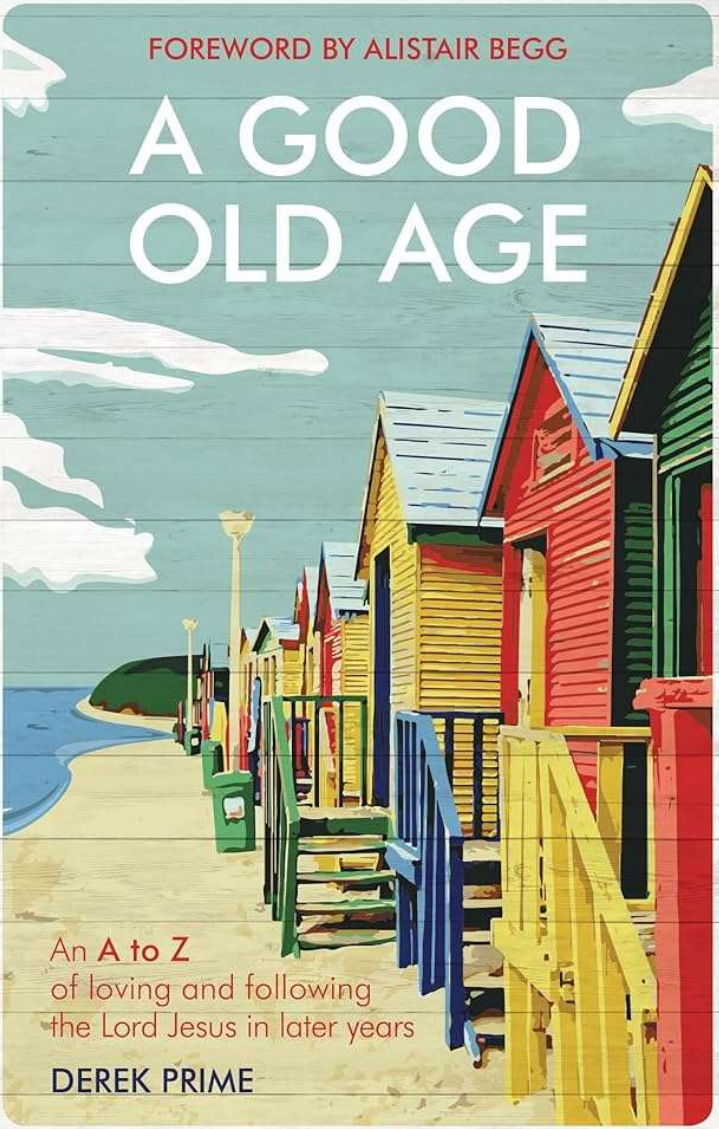
Dying in Faith

**Genesis 23:1-20,
Genesis 25:1-11**

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
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A GOOD OLD AGE



An **A to Z**
of loving and following
the Lord Jesus in later years

DEREK PRIME

“Old age may alarm us. It can bring humiliating experiences. Some of its limitations may take away our natural dignity. Worse still is the daunting possibility of dementia, even to the point where we may not remember our own name.”

Derek Prime

Genesis 24v1

Abraham was now very old, and the LORD had blessed him in every way.

1. Will God be faithful in providing a land?
(Gen. 23)

Genesis 23v20

And so, the field and the cave in it were deeded to Abraham by the Hittites as a burial site.

2 Peter 3v13

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

2. Will God be faithful in providing a bride?
(Gen. 24)



Genesis 24v27

Praise be to the LORD, the God of Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness.... As for me, the LORD has led me on the journey to the house of Abraham's relatives.

Genesis 24v67

Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So, she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

“Thus, each found love and security in the other, and they shared the deep undergirding of the knowledge that the Lord Almighty had brought them together. If they were ever tempted to doubt that, they could recall the marvellous providence that took Abraham’s servant straight to Rebekah, and the prayer and praise that surrounded the whole venture, all of which betokened the unmistakable guidance of God.”

Joyce Baldwin

3. Will God be faithful in providing hope?
(Gen. 25v1-11)

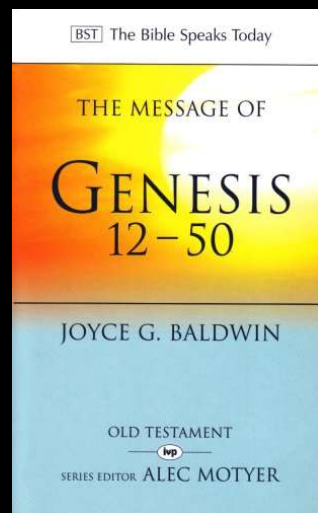
Genesis 25v8

Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people.

Genesis 25v11

After Abraham's death, God blessed his son Isaac, who then lived near Beer Lahai Roi.

“In the New Testament, resurrection opens up the prospect of fellowship with all who are in Christ, and with the company of heaven. There will be no loneliness, when, along with Abraham and all who share in his faith, we will worship the eternal God.”



Joyce Baldwin