

## **A Guide for Tobias**

Tobit 4:1 – 6:1

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Tobit called for his son Tobias and said, "When I die, give me a proper burial. Treat your mother well, respect her, honor her. And when she dies, bury her next to me.

"Live your life in full dedication to the Lord; always do what is right. Give generously to those in need; give till it hurts. God will be pleased. Avoid any form of inappropriate sexual behavior. Take a wife from among our relatives, and devote yourself to her. Work hard to earn your living, and always pay those you owe in a timely manner. Treat others the same way you would want them to treat you. Associate with good, intelligent, wise people, and listen to what they say. And always, always, always praise God.

"Now, my son, we have been poor. But many years ago I left a large amount of money with my cousin Gabael in Media. I want you to go and collect that money. Gabael will not know you. But I have a receipt. When you present it to him, he'll give you the money. Go out now and find a dependable man who can guide you to Media. I'll pay him for his time."

Tobias went out and found a young man who not only knew the way to Media but claimed to know Gabael. Tobit hired the man to guide Tobias not knowing that he was actually the angel Raphael.

Tobit's wife Anna began to weep, "Why are you sending away my only child? What if he never comes back?"

Tobit calmed her, "Don't worry. A good angel will go with him, and he will come back safely."

Little did Tobit know how accurate his statement was.