

**Take Your Son (Genesis 22:1-2)**

*1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”*

- Notice Abraham’s instant readiness!
- Here is the most severe test. Every one of these statements causes pain.
- Could Abraham imagine YHWH asking him to make this horrible sacrifice?

**Temptations and Testings**

*“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.” (James 1:13-14)*

- God is never the author of evil, nor does he tempt anyone to do evil. God’s goal was never to cause Abraham to sin. Human sacrifice never entered into His mind.
- These are opportunities for us to be refined by the Word of God, and see that His Word is dependable and faithful. Abraham drew the correct conclusions!
- God also creates a testimony when one of His servants comes through a test. It shows you are a person of a proven character and stature. So Job says in Job 23:

*10 But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.*

*11 My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside.*

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*12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.*

- First Peter 1:6b-7 says, *“you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ...”*
- Trials come because God wants to reward us with praise, honor, and glory.

### **Traveling To Moriah (Genesis 22:3-5)**

*3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”*

- Again Abraham moves quickly to obey. Imagine the mental strain of the trip!
- Verse 5 is astounding. Abraham must have already overcome in the essential conflict. If Isaac is killed, then plan of God is ruined. Abraham must have reasoned that the God who cannot lie would have to raise him back to life again.
- *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.*  
(Hebrews 11:17-19)

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**The Binding Of Isaac (Gen. 22:6-12)**

*6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"*

*8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.*

*10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."*

- Isaac has become a type (prophetic foreshadowing) of Jesus. Both men are only sons. The Father laid the wood on the Son.
- Abraham had the faith to know that God would provide a lamb: God would either provide a substitute, or else raise Isaac from death.
- Isaac submitted to this willingly. He probably could have overcome Abraham.

**In the Mountain of the LORD (Gen. 22:13-14)**

*13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."*

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- In the case of our Messiah, there could be no reprieve, and there could be no substitute. Christ must be our Substitute, so we could have a reprieve.
- Isaiah prophesied of that day (see Isaiah 53:4-6).
- The prophecy is also found within the place, and the name Abraham gave to it.
  - Mount Moriah is in mountains around Jerusalem, and the Temple site
  - “The LORD will provide” (*Jehovah-Jireh*) is a phrase with two meanings in Hebrew — and both meanings make sense, and connect us to Christ.
  - It can either mean ***the Lord will see***, or else it can mean ***the Lord will be seen***. Both are correct! How did God provide? By appearing and offering Himself on that very mountain.
- Before Jesus came, the people of God didn’t know that it was in the mountain of the Lord that salvation for all people would be seen and be provided.

**A Final Promise, Then Back Home, Rejoicing (Gen. 22:15-19)**

*15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.*

- Here is one of the only places in the Scripture where God swears. Because God cannot swear by anyone greater, He swore by Himself.
- What does God swear to?

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### **The Family Line Of Nahor (Gen. 22:20-24)**

*20 Now it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, “Indeed Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: 21 Huz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, 22 Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.” 23 And Bethuel begot Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s brother. 24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Thahash, and Maachah.*

- Nahor was Abraham’s only surviving brother. Here we are about to meet another important character, Rebekah, who will become the wife of Isaac.
- Rebekah was the great-niece of Abraham. Isaac and Bethuel are cousins, and therefore Rebekah she is also the first cousin once removed of Isaac.

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