

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"Faith On Trial"**  
**Genesis 22:1-24**  
**Study-47**

**Genesis 22:1-13**

**At 75, Abraham enrolled in the "School of Faith."** Abraham was 100 when he had his son, Isaac, Now Abraham's greatest test was 116-130 years of age.

**Abraham's Obedient Faith that Overcomes the Trials of Life**

**Genesis 22-26 Records Details of Isaac's Family:**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Abraham Models The Testing Of Our Faith Through Holding On To The Promises Of God To Him"

- 1. Verses 1-2 God's Command:**
- 2. Verses 3-14 Abraham's Response:**
- 3. Verses 15-24 Covenant Reaffirmed:**

**1. Verses 1-2 God's Command:**

**Genesis 22:1** Now it came about after these things, **Context** - What things?

**Genesis 21** That Isaac was born which was a promise 25 years in coming.

Ishmael and Hagar were banished from the home. Abraham and Abimelech made a covenant **Genesis 21:22-34 (After Blessings, Come Trials)**

**Genesis 21:34** The **many days** is about 15 years; some suggest as much as 30 years of time has elapsed between **Genesis 21:34** and **Genesis 22:1** Isaac was 37 when Sarah died.

**tested** - *"to try, prove, put to the proof/test"* **God** "Tests" to draw upward to *"Prove"* where we are, it is to show us, not Him. He wants to bring our **worth out!**

**Satan** "Tempt" to draw downward, to draw us away from God. To bring our **worst out!**

**and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."** Abraham responded immediately. Joseph to Jacob – **Genesis 37:13**, Samuel **1 Samuel 3:4,6,8**; Isaiah **Isaiah 6:8**, many others.

**Genesis 22:2** He said, **"Take now your son, your only son,** We see now the reason that God had Ishmael leave the home of Abraham. *"God wanted to paint the accurate picture of God the Father having only one son."*

**your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, John 3:16;**

**1 John 4:9; Acts 2:23**

**whom you love, Isaac, 1<sup>st</sup> Time the word "Love" is used in Scripture.** The first mention is important! **"Rule of first mentioned"**

**NT 1<sup>st</sup> Time in Matthew 3:17 My beloved Son, John 3:16**

**Love** - word means "*grown to love*" (**We can love the gift more than the giver**)

**Moriah** - "*Chosen by God, foreseen of Jehovah*" Northeastern hill in Jerusalem. (**2 Chronicles 3:1**) Solomon would build the temple.

**and offer him there as a burnt offering** not slay "test" Not sinful **James 1:13** God can't sin! (**God wanted Abraham's heart**)

**"Our faith is not really tested until God asks us to bear what seems unbearable, do what seems unreasonable, and expect what seems impossible."**

## **2. Verses 3-14 Abraham's Response:**

**Genesis 22:3 Prompt Obedience: So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey,** That is ready obedience. **Psalm 119:60**

**Abraham Knew That God's Will Would Never Contradict God's Promise:** so, he held on to the promise (**Genesis 21:12**)

**Verses 3-10** There is no mention that God spoke to Abraham, the 3 days

**and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son;** this is a picture of Gethsemane when Jesus with His disciples went to a lonely garden to pray.

**and he split wood for the burnt offering,** had to be wood, prepared for the sacrifice by bringing it.

**Genesis 22:4 Sustained Obedience: On the third day** He was living in Beersheba to Mount Moriah (Jerusalem) which was about 50 miles away. **Abraham stayed committed to his commitment.**

**third day** 3 days that Jesus was in the grave. Speaks of death, Abraham's death to himself.

**saw the place from a distance.** Abraham saw God as the resurrection and the life.

**John 8:56**

**Genesis 22:5 Willing Obedience: "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there;** Faith must go alone. It is just you and the Lord. **Mark 14:33-35 Gethsemane**

**Call To Worship: and we will worship and return to you."** Abraham knew that Isaac would die but God would bring him back, and he would return. (1<sup>st</sup> glimpse of the resurrection.) **Hebrews 11:17-19**

**Worship – 1<sup>st</sup> Time the word Worship is used in Scripture.** It is used in Abraham sacrificing His son, a love for a son. **worship** "*to bow down*"

**Sacrifice, love, and obedience** are equated with worship.

**Genesis 22:6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son,** Notice here that Isaac the sacrifice was carrying his own wood. **John 19:17**

**The Son (Isaac/Christ) Took It Willingly, He Did Not Complain.**  
**John 10:17-18**

**and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.** What a walk of dying this was!

**Genesis 22:7 "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"** there would have to be a sacrifice. **John 1:29**

**Genesis 22:8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself ("see to Himself")**

**On what could Abraham depend or count on? Abraham could depend on the promise and provision of the Lord.**  
**Hebrews 11:17-19**

**So, the two of them walked on together.** The Father and the Son acted together.

**Genesis 18:4; Philippians 4:13**

**Genesis 22:9 and bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.** Isaac was 16-30 years of age, and Abraham 116-130 years of age. **Hebrews 5:8**

**Genesis 22:10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.**

**James 2:21-23**

**Genesis 22:11 angel of the LORD** (Theophany, Jesus before Bethlehem)

**Genesis 22:12** Abraham passed the test. Abraham had to be willing to give his son to God. **(Heart to God) Fear** – "*respect, revere*"

**Genesis 22:13 a ram** Notice it was not a lamb but a ram. The lamb was to be Jesus

**How Does God Provide For Us? In ways that are usually quite natural.**

**"Substitutionary Atonement"** That the price of redemption was paid by another. This was a ram, next time The Lamb Of God! **1 John 2:2**

**Genesis 22:14 The LORD Will Provide** *Jehovah Jireh* the word **Provision** - *Pro-to vision-to see* "The Lord will see to it" or "The Lord will be seen."

**"In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."** The provision was made at the cross

### **3. Verses 15-24 Covenant Reaffirmed:**

**Genesis 22:15 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham** This is the 8<sup>th</sup> time that God speaks to Abraham, and it will be the last.

**Genesis 22:16** When we give our all, we will encounter blessings.

**Genesis 22:17-18** (Jesus Christ **Galatians 3:16** Seed not seeds)

**Genesis 22:19** He came back a different man than when he left.

It is interesting that Isaac is not mentioned again until **Genesis 24:62**

**Verses 20-24 Preparation For Isaac's Bride Rebekah:**  
**Genesis 22:20-23**

**The roll call of the names of Abraham's brother's family**  
**Genesis 22:17**

**Application:** We Will Be Tested But We Will Not Always Understand:

- 1. Focus On His Promise** – Not Explanations, Faith Is Taking God At His Word.
- 2. Focus On God's Power** – Not Human Strength, We Will Face A Difficulty That Only God Can Take Us Through.
- 3. Focus On God's Purpose** – Not Personal Desires, Character Over Comfort.