

“A Father’s Faith & Obedience”
Genesis 22:1-14
Father’s Day, June 16, 2019

Genesis 22:1-3, 9-14

“The Father of Faith;” Abraham – “The father of a multitude.”

At the age of 75, Abraham enrolled in the “School of Faith.”

The Key Chapters of Abraham’s life are the following:

- 1. Genesis 12** – Abraham Received His Call From God.
- 2. Genesis 15** – Abraham’s Conversion.
- 3. Genesis 22** – Abraham’s Faith Is Tested.

Thought Of Our Passage: “One’s Faith Must Always Be Tested, But Through God’s Promises Will Come God’s Provision.”

- 1. Verses 1-2 – Faith Will Be Tested**
- 2. Verses 3-5 – Cling To God’s Promises**
- 3. Verses 6-14 – Depend On God Who Provides**

1. Verses 1-2 – Faith Will Be Tested:

Genesis 22:1 – “Now it came about after these things,” – What things?
Genesis 21 – Isaac was born, which was a fulfillment of a 25-year promise.
Ishmael and Hagar were banished from the home.

Genesis 21:34 – “And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines for many days.” The “many days” is about 15-30 years of time that has elapsed between Genesis 21:35 and Genesis 22:1.

Abraham – “The Father of a Multitude.” He is also an example of priorities.

“God tested Abraham,” – the word “tested” – “to try, to prove, to put to the proof/test.”

God – “tests” to draw upward, to “prove,” to reveal to us where we are, not Him. God wants to bring our worth out! To cause us to trust Him.

Satan – “tempts” to draw downward, to draw us away from God; to bring out our worst! To make us work independently from God (Respond sinfully).

“and said to him, ‘Abraham!’” – No mistake, God is calling Abraham by name.

"And he said, 'Here I am.'" – It is one thing to hear God call us. It is quite another to obey God's call to us!

Genesis 22:2 – "And He said, 'Take now your son, your only son,'" – God goes for the heart; The very thing that was dear to Him, John 3:16.

"whom you love," – the word "love" – means "grown to love."

"son" – Isaac – "he laughs or laughing one."

"and go to the land of Moriah;" – Moriah – "Chosen by God." It was chosen for the future temple; chosen for the place of sacrifices, chosen as Calvary!

"and offer him there as a burnt offering (Total Dedication) on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

2. Verses 3-5 – Cling To God's Promises:

Genesis 22:3

Father's Obedience Is Modeled 3 Ways:

1. Prompt Obedience: "So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey," – This is ready obedience.

"Delayed Obedience Is Disobedience."

Psalm 119:60

Abraham knew that God would be faithful to His promise, so he held on to the promise, Genesis 21:12.

Abraham Didn't Question God's Command!

Verses 2-11 – There is no mention that God spoke to Abraham during the 3 days that it took to get the destination.

Genesis 22:4 – "On the third day" – This is not here by accident. It was on the third day that Jesus rose from the dead. Nothing short of a resurrection was needed.

2. Sustained Obedience: "On the third day" – Abraham was living in Beersheba. Travel to Mount Moriah (Jerusalem) was about 50 miles away.

“third day” – Always signifies the cross, the grave and the resurrection. (Impossible)

“saw the place from a distance.” – Have you seen the place from a distance? John 8:56

Genesis 22:5

3. True Worship Is Obedience: “I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.”

An Obedient Faith must always go alone; God wants our hearts.

Worship – means “to bow down;” First time used in Scripture. It is used in connection with Abraham sacrificing His only son, beloved son; In sacrifice.

Sacrifice, Love and Obedience are connected with Worship.

“and return to you.” – Hebrews 11:17-19.

3. Verses 6-14 – Depend On God Who Provides:

Genesis 22:6 – “Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son,” – Notice that Isaac, the sacrifice, was carrying his own cross.

This is exactly what Jesus Christ did, He bore His own cross, John 19:17.

Jesus, God’s Son, Took It Willingly: John 10:17-18.

Genesis 22:7 – “where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” – This shows that Abraham had taught Isaac well about the need of a sacrifice.

All the OT sacrifices, the Passover lamb was all just a picture of Jesus Christ!

Genesis 22:8 – “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” – As Abraham climbed Mount Moriah with his son, Abraham was confident that God would meet every need.

Genesis 22:14

Genesis 18:14; Philippians 4:13

“So the two of them walked on together.” – Mutual trust in each other, based on their trust in God.

Genesis 22:9 – “bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.” – Isaac was 15-30 years of age, Abraham 115-130.

Genesis 22:10

Take away faith, and Abraham is nothing short of a murderer. He was putting his faith in God, James 2:21-22.

Genesis 22:11-13

“offered him (Ram) up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.” – This is called, “Substitutionary Atonement;” the price of redemption was paid by another. This was a ram, next time, The Lamb Of God!

God Has Provided The Sacrifice – John 1:29.

Blessing Follows Obedience: “ram caught in the thicket by his horns;”

God Met Abraham’s Need At The Right Moment.

Genesis 22:14 – “Jehovah Jireh,” – “The LORD Will Provide.” – The word “Provision” – Pro – to provide; vision – to see. “The Lord will see to it” or “The Lord will be seen.”

God Provided For Abraham Because He Was In The Right Place And In God’s Will. – “In the mount of the LORD it will be provided.”

Application:

1. 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. We Must Cling To God’s Promises. Abraham’s Trust Was Shown Through Prompt Obedience, A Sustained Obedience, And True Worship, Which Is Obedience.
3. Depend On God Who Provides. Charles Spurgeon Said, “The Promises Of God Never Shine Brighter Than In The Furnace Of Affliction.”