

**"A Father's Test"**  
**Genesis 22:1-14**  
**Father's Day June 16, 2013**

**"The Father of Faith" Abraham – "The father of a multitude"**

**Abraham – Key Chapters of his 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.**

**1. Verses 1-2 – Father's Faith Will Be Tested**

**2. Verses 3-5 – Fathers Must Cling To God's Promises**

**3. Verses 6-14 – Fathers Must Depend On God's Provision**

**1. Verses 1-2 – Father's Faith Will Be Tested:**

Genesis 22:1

"Now it came about after these things," – What things? Gen. 21 – Isaac was born, which was a fulfillment of a 25-year promise.

Gen. 21:34 – "many days": about 15-30 years of time has elapsed between Gen. 21:35 and Gen. 22:1.

Abraham – "The Father of a Multitude"; He is also an example of priorities.

"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. He 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 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

John 3:16

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

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

"Moriah" – "Chosen by God"

"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 3-5 – Fathers Must 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,"

(Delayed Obedience Is Disobedience)

Ps. 119:60

Abraham knew that God would be faithful to His promise, Gen. 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 to the destination.

Genesis 22: 4

2. Sustained Obedience: "On the third day"

Abraham did not alter God's Plan! He stayed committed to God's command.

"saw the place from a distance." – John 8:56

Genesis 22: 5

3. True Worship Is Obedience: "I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship and return to you."

Worship – means "to bow down"; First time used in Scripture.

Sacrifice, Love and Obedience are connected with Worship.

"and return to you." – Heb. 11:17-19

### **3. Verses 6-14 – Fathers Must Depend On God's Provision:**

Genesis 22:6

John 19:17

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

Genesis 22:7-8

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

Genesis 22:14

Gen 18:14

Phil 4:13

Genesis 22:9

Isaac was 15-30 years of age, Abraham 115-130. Isaac did not resist his father or his heavenly Father.

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

They both expected death. The knife to kill and the fire to consume. They did expect that out of the ashes, the Lord would bring new life.

Genesis 22:11-13

"offered him (Ram) up for a burnt offering in the place of his son." – This is called, "Substitutionary Atonement."

God Has Provided The Sacrifice – John 1:29

1 John 2:2

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

God Met Abraham’s Need At The Right Moment.

Genesis 22:14

Jehovahjireh: “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:**

**“Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children”**; Original source unknown. Distributed by the Houston, Texas Police Department.