

"The Father of Faith"
Genesis 22:1-14
Father's Day June 15, 2008

1. Genesis 12 – Abraham was called by God.
2. Genesis 15 – Abraham's conversion.
3. Genesis 22 – Abraham's great test, where God asks for all.

Outline:

- 1. Verses - 1-2 God is testing our Faithfulness Today!**
- 2. Verses – 3-8 God is Seeking Obedience in Fathers Today!**
- 3. Verses - 9-12 God is seeking a Father's Heart!**
- 4. Verses – 13-14 God is the Faithful Father who provides!**

1. Verses - 1-2 God is testing our Faithfulness Today!

Now it came about after these things,

Genesis. 21:34

That many days is about 15-30 years of time has elapsed between Genesis 21:35 and Genesis 22:1.

Abraham - "The Father of a Multitude."

Tested - "to try, to prove to tempt," "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 - "Tempt" to draw downward, to draw us away from God. To bring out our worst! To make us work independently from God.

Genesis 22:2

Whom you love, Love - word means "grown to love"

Isaac - "He Laughs or Laughing One."

John 3:16

Moriah - "Chosen by God"

2. Verses – 3-8 God is Seeking Obedience in Fathers Today!

I want to note Abraham's Obedience in 3 forms.

1. Prompt Obedience: So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey,

- Psalms 119:60
- Genesis 22:4

2. Sustained Obedience: On the third day

- John 8:56
- Hebrews 11:17-19
- Genesis 22:5

3. Willing Obedience: "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go yonder;

- Worship – Means "to bow down" First time used in scripture.
- Genesis 22:6
- John 19:17
- John 10:17-18
- Genesis 22:7-8
- John 1:29

3. Verses - 9-12 God is seeking a Father's Heart!

James 2:21-22

Genesis 22:11-12

4. Verses – 13-14 God is the Faithful Father who provides!

"Substitutionary Atonement" The price of redemption was paid by another.

1 John 2:2

4 Thoughts on God's Provision:

1. How does God provide for us? In ways that are usually quite natural. Ram caught in the thicket by his horns;
 - Genesis 22:14
2. Where does the Lord provide our needs? In the place of His Assignment.
3. When does God meet our needs? When we have the need and not a minute before.
4. To whom does God give His provision? To those who trust Him and obey His instructions.

Application:

1. God did not desire the sacrifice of Isaac's life. God desired Abraham's heart, and Abraham was being asked, "Do you love Isaac more than you love me?"
2. It is important for us to realize that God never asks us to love our children less. He always expects us to love God more.
3. "Our love for God must take precedence over our love for other people, even our family." We are to love God more than anyone or anything.