

Genesis 22

Genesis 22.1-8

V1 – Why would God want to test (not tempt) Abraham? Abraham had made some big mistakes lately (lying about Sarah being his sister, etc.)

V2 – What was the test? To offer Isaac as a sacrifice

- Why was this going to be such a severe test?** His only son (according to the promise)
- Abraham loved him
- The promise was to come through Isaac
- Also killing Isaac would serve no purpose – why would God make such a request?
- This would also destroy Sarah and her faith

V3 – What was Abraham’s response? Got up early and left for the mountain

- Who went with him?** Isaac and two servants
- Note:** “Isaac his son”- notice how many times this expression is used in this chapter

V4 – How long did they have to travel? Three days

V5 – Imagine the thoughts that must have been going through his mind

- Significance of “*we will return to you*”?** Must have had faith that God would raise Isaac from the dead
- Read: Hebrews 11.19** – Abraham had faith in God's ability to raise Isaac from the dead

V6 – How tense – how touching – going up the mountain together – the Bible does lessen or diminish the tension at this point

V7 – Question Isaac asked? Where is the lamb for the offering?

V8 – Abraham’s answer? God will provide

- The significance?** Jesus as the offering in the New Testament

Genesis 22.9-19

V9 – Where was the place? Mt. Moriah (later Jerusalem was built nearby)

- What did Abraham do?** Built an altar – put Isaac on it

V10 – Next act? Raised his hand to kill Isaac

V11 – What stopped him? Angel of the Lord

V12 – Message of the angel? “You have passed the test”

V13 – What did God provide for the offering? A ram caught in the bushes

V 14 – **What did Abraham call the place?** “The Lord will provide”

V 15 – Angel spoke to Abraham a second time

V 16 – Notice angel = Lord (pre-incarnate Christ)
-**Message?** Abraham had not withheld his son

V 17 – **How would Abraham be blessed?** Many descendants would “*possess the gates of their enemies*”

V 18 – **Rest of blessing?** All nations to be blessed

V 19 – The four went home

Lesson: One's faith is to come before even family members (sons, included)

Genesis 22.20-24

V 20 – Further genealogy involving Abraham
-**Who was Milcah?** Wife of Nahor (brother of Abraham)

V 21-24 – **The one significant name?** Rebekah
-Later became wife of Isaac

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