

Genesis 22:1-14 The Great Trial-Testfish

Cave of Machpelah in Hebron
God of Abraham - ISAAC, JACOB

It's a high honor
Did not test lot - others.

1. God testing Abraham: verse 1
God tests faith in order to strengthen & enrich it,
shortly after conversion.

2. God's request of Abraham: verse 2

A. Take thy son..Thine only son...
Whom thou lovest very dearly... First mention of love.

2nd. 24:67. Rebecca - ISAAC - 3rd. 29:11-30 Jacob - Rachel

This son Isaac was no ordinary child. He was really born contrary to nature. For his father Abraham was 100 yrs old and his mother, Sarah was 90 yrs old. So God blessed this elderly couple with a child that was nursed by the mother.

SARAH ONLY WOMAN IN BIBLE Whose age-death-burial recorded
mother of Hebrew nation.
Isaac was a promised child from God.

God had spoken to these parents and He gave unto them Isaac; at the set time of which He had spoken.

In 17:19 God tells them about this son. You shall call his name Isaac.

God said I will make MY covenant with him for an everlasting covenant and with his seed after him.

So Isaac the promised son was to follow Abraham as the head or leader of the nations.

Notice carefully; there was no one else to take his place.

So, God is saying to Abraham, take this child, the son whom you love dearly, thine only son to the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the Mts. which I will show you.

Understand what God was asking::: HIS BEST-GREAT LOVE,
Not loose change - leftovers. - out Time

3. Abrahams immediate response to Gods Will.

verse 3.. Abraham rose up early and started on this journey for God. Calmness of his Faith.

A.. Took three days for the trip: V4 if SAW the PLACE APART OFF.

B. Only Abraham & Isaac went up on the Mt.

The servants remained with the animals at the bottom of the Mt.

Abraham - going further.

verse 6-8

Issac and his father gather the fire, wood and knife but Issac notices that there is no lamb. We hear him asking his father where is the lamb. What are we going to offer? Abraham assures him that God would provide a lamb for the offering.

Abraham went to the place where God directed him. Notice all of this is God-directed.

C. Abraham builds an alter: verse 9

- 4. Isaac is prepared to be offered:
 - A. Abraham ties the hands of his son.
ISAAC - the UNRESISTING BURNT OFFERING.
 - B. Isaac is silent and meek.
 - C. Abraham lays him on the alter.

D. Abraham then takes the knife and stretches out his arm to cut the throat of his only son, the son whom he loved so dearly.

The look and feeling present in the face and heart of Abraham as he looked into the innocent face of young Isaac. *Hissed him - TEARS.*

God speaks through His angel: verse 11-12 He calls to Abraham and tells him not to harm Issac. I know that you fear God, and that you have not with-held thy son, thine only son from me. *God provided AS ABRAHAM HAD TO ID ISHAC - RAM IN thicket.* Parents today need to capture the depth of this teaching. That we might satisfy God with our children. We are accountable for our childrens spiritual welfare.

Abrahams faith was truly tested: What faith, love and obedience is expressed here.

I want you now to move from this teaching, and I think this is one of the great events in Bible history. But if you will study this carefully. You will find that this event does not reach its full climax until you read the account of Jesus being offered on the cross at Calvary.

This event with Abraham and Isaac was but a shadow of the worlds greatest sacrifice ever to be made known to mankind when Christ was offered for our sins

Notice the likenesses:

1. Their birth:

both were contrary to nature:

Both were a direct act of God.

A. Abraham was 100 yrs old and Sarah was 90. But God gave them this son Isaac and Sarah nursed him as she would have 75 yrs ago.

God told them when he would be born and what his name was to be.

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B. Jesus was born as a direct act of God without a normal birth. *Mt-Moriah - Threshing floor DAVID bought from Jebusites, in 1004 B.C. 800 shekels of Gold, Solomons Temple built here. SACRIFICES MADE.*

Some say Mt. Moriah was the same place that 1800 yrs later Jesus was crucified.

C. Three days Abraham and Isaac journeyed and made the offering.

Three days Jesus suffered and was buried but rose on the third day.....

Isaac was bound and laid on the wooden alter;
Jesus was nailed to the cross of wood, not just bound.

Abraham & Isaac were together during this sacrifice;
God the Father & Jesus were together during this time on Calvary. Last three hrs. it was darkness, no-one else could see. It was an affair only with God and Christ.

Abraham offered his only son by Sarah, son he loved;
God offered His only begotten Son.

Isaac lived after the sacrifice was over.
Jesus also lived and is alive today but now notice
the great difference.

A substitute was offered in the end for Isaac, the
ram caught in the thicket.
But there was no substitute for Jesus. He died him-
self. He was the lamb slain for the sins of all
man-kind.

Isaac was meek and with a degree of innocence. He did-
not try to run etc.
Jesus was meek and in complete innocence and without
sin of any sort.
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, dumb before his
sheares and he opened not his mouth.

Lost person can you understand now the great price
Jesus paid for you?
All have sinned and are guilty before God. Only Jesus
Jesus can remove this guilt.

Through his blood our sins are covered:
What a Dem. of Love. BY Abraham - BY Christ.

Love letter - Need of Visiting
Story is told of a man living alone on a tropical
Island. He noticed one day a big white bird flapping
at the waters edge. He was trying to fly but couldn't.
He went to the bird and finally caught him. He found
that the big bird had his wings and legs all entangled
in sea weed and slime, to the extent that he couldn't
fly. He began to remove the sea weed and then to wash
off the mud and slime from those beautiful white
wings. But while he was doing this the bird was
constantly pecking him on the hands and arms until
the blood ran freely. When the bird was finally free
from his entanglement, the man held him and let him
fly away. The big white bird slowly soared up into
sky but blood spots from the mans bleeding arms and
hands could be seen on his white feathers. For his
body was literally spotted with the blood of the one
who had set him free from his bondage.

Only Jesus and His precious blood can set us free from
our sins. Will you turn unto Him today?

Father. runaways. why. look in the wagon.
was it worth it?

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