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John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Abraham is asked to take the apple of his eye, the son he loved more than life itself.

III- The Offering: Gen 22:2b-3

Notice now what God asked of Abraham. **Gen 22:2b...and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.**

Abraham probably did not sleep much during the long night. He rose early and begins the journey of compliance with God's will. He took wood with him so that if the place he was lead to by God did not have wood he would not have an excuse to not make the sacrifice.

IV- Separation from Servants: Gen 22:4-6

On the journey, they spent two nights and now on the third day arrive where they have been instructed to go. **Gen 22:4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.**

Abraham takes Isaac, the wood, his knife and fire and he and Isaac separate from the servants.

V- Where is the Lamb: Gen 22:7

Gen 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

This question seems to indicate that Abraham had not shared what God had asked of him with his son. He asks a simple question, where is the lamb we are going to sacrifice. Isaac had seen many lambs sacrificed to God. He knew God's requirement for a sacrifice.

VI- God Will Provide: Gen 22:8

Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. This is both a reply to Isaac and a prophecy concerning the Lord Jesus. One stark difference between Christianity and all other religions of the world is that God provided our sacrifice. Others have to provide their own sacrifice. In says in **Galatians 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son..."**



Coordinates:
Genesis 22:1-19

Sights to See:

- 1- God does not want anything or anybody between Him and us. If we place anyone or anything before Him it is an idol.
- 2- God does not have to test us to know what is in our hearts but so we can find out.
- 3- Obedience is better than sacrifice. We may not have to go to the end of the earth but we must be willing to go.
- 4- God provided the Lamb just as He promised. The Lamb that takes away the sins of the world is the Lord Jesus.
- 5- Isaac passed the test as well as Abraham.
- 6- What would be the hardest thing for us to lay on the altar?



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We know clearly that the Lord Jesus was the Lamb provided by God for the sacrifice. Look at the words of John the Baptist in *John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

So Abraham, heart probably about to break, journeyed on resting in the provision of God. All the other sacrifices Abraham had made to God would be pale compared to this one.

VII- Passing the Test: Gen 22:9-12

Abraham and Isaac arrive at the place and Abraham builds an altar. The time has come for the revelation to Isaac. Notice now *Gen 22:9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.* Now we come to the other great test. Remember now that Isaac is a grown man physically stronger than Abraham. We are not privileged to the dialogue they exchanged but we see that Abraham binds Isaac and places him on the altar. Isaac passed the test of faith as well.

Now come the test for Abraham. He has to kill the sacrifice. *Gen 22:10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.*

The angel of the Lord stops him. *Gen 22:11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.* The angel of the Lord, probably the Lord Jesus, speaks to him from heaven. Abraham's stopped. Abraham had passed the test.

VIII- God's First Provision and a Promise: Gen 22:13-14

Remember he had told Isaac that God would provide the sacrifice. Notice *Gen 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.* God had just given the first provision of a sacrifice.

Now notice the promise. *Gen 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.*

I remind us all that where Abraham is geographically is land of Moriah. (HCSB) *And Abraham named that place The LORD Will Provide, so today it is said: "It will be provided on the LORD's mountain."*

Now I want us to notice an event some years later in the time of David. *2 Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.* Without reservation or hesitation, I submit to you that God provided the greatest sacrifice on this mountain when the Lord Jesus was sacrificed.

IX- Reinforcement of the Promise: Gen 22:15-19

We see that the covenant is reinforced by God at this time. The promise is through Isaac's lineage. *Gen 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, 16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. 19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.*