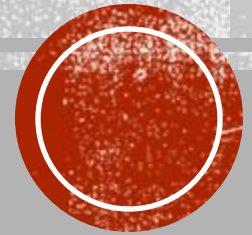


WHEN MEN ARE TESTED

Genesis 22:1-19



FOUR SCENES

- The Test Given 1-2
- The Test Taken 3-10
- The Test Graded 11-14
- The Test Rewarded 15-19



SCENE ONE: THE TEST GIVEN 1-2



WHAT'S THE DEAL?

- God never intended the sacrifice of Isaac to be completed.
- Either Abraham would fail the test, or God would step in before completing the test.
- God was simply giving Abraham the opportunity to demonstrate his trust in God and His promises.
- Ultimately, God would provide the sacrifice.



FIRST ...

- God gives tests to help us and never to harm us.



JAMES 1:2-4

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



SECOND ...

- God gives tests without warning.



THIRD ...

- God gives tests without explanation.



FOURTH ...

- God gives tests as an opportunity for us to demonstrate what we've learned.



SCENE TWO: THE TEST TAKEN 3-10



FIRST ...

- Tests require holding on to the promises of God.



HEBREWS 11:17-19

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”
¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.



SECOND ...

- Tests require walking in obedience without delay.



THIRD ...

- Tests usually involve a process.



SCENE THREE: THE TEST GRADED 11-14



FIRST ...

- Tests honor God when we trust Him through the process.



JOB 13:15

¹⁵ Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.



SECOND ...

- Tests ultimately reveal that God can be trusted and will provide.



SCENE FOUR: THE TEST REWARDED 15-19



FIRST ...

- Tests when passed result in personal blessing.



SECOND ...

- Tests when passed result in blessing overflowing to others.



THE GREATEST BLESSING OF ALL

And in your
offspring shall all
the nations of the
earth be blessed.
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