THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB

SEEING CHRIST THROUGH STRUGGLING SAINTS



Genesis 18:1-15 Genesis 21:1-7 Genesis 22:1-14

The God of Isaac - Part I

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Scene 1: The Seed

Genesis 3:15

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring (seed) and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Like a seed hidden in the ground, God's plan was on the move, but no one could really see it.

Scene 1: The Seed

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Scene 1: The Seed

The promise to Abraham is God saying, "I didn't forget what I promised humanity in Genesis 3. I still have a plan to reverse what Satan did."

Genesis 18:1

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.

Genesis 18:2

He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him...

theophany → when God appears in a visible way to man

Genesis 18:10

The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

Genesis 18:12-13

So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'

Genesis 18:14-15

Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

If God promised it, He will provide it. Even if we doubt, like Sarah, God's promises remain the same.

Genesis 21:1-3

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac.

God provides what He promises, because God only promises what He intends to provide.

Genesis 22:1-2

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

Genesis 22:3

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Hebrews 11:17-19

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, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead...

Genesis 22:4-6

On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:7-8

And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

God will provide.

God will provide...
because God promised He will provide.

Genesis 22:9-11

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I."

Genesis 22:12-13

He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22:14

So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Jesus came as the promised **SEED**

Jesus came as the greater **SON**

Jesus came as the ultimate **SACRIFICE**

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Like the ram caught in the bushes, Jesus was put on the altar instead of us.

- 1. Are you with Jesus? Is your trust in Him?
- 2. If so, do you believe the promise that He will provide? Is there a specific area that you are struggling to believe that?