

Poured Out: A Study on Sacrifice

Week 3 – The Lord Will Provide (Genesis 22)

Use these questions to reflect on Abraham's test of faith, God's provision, and what it means to live a life of obedient trust.

1. A Tested Faith

- Genesis 22:1 says that God tested Abraham. Why was it reasonable for God to test him at this point in his story?
- How does Abraham's past (both faith and failure) prepare him for this moment?
- In what ways does Scripture tell us to expect testing in our own lives (see 1 Peter 4:12-13)?

2. Obedience Without Hesitation

- How does Abraham respond to God's command in Genesis 22:3?
- What does Abraham's willingness reveal about how his faith has grown over time?
- Why do you think obedience often becomes clearer after we've seen God's faithfulness through suffering?

3. Trusting God's Promises

- Read Genesis 22:5 and 22:8. What do Abraham's words reveal about what he believes God will do?
- How does Hebrews 11:17-19 help us understand Abraham's confidence?
- When obedience feels costly, what promises of God help you trust Him?

4. The Lord Who Sees

- In Genesis 22:14, Abraham names the place "The Lord Will Provide." How does the Hebrew meaning of "to see" deepen this statement?
- How is being seen by God sometimes more comforting than receiving what we want?
- What must we believe about God's character for His presence and awareness to be enough?

5. Obedience Over Sacrifice

- Read 1 Samuel 15:22 and Psalm 51:16-17. Why does God value obedience over ritual sacrifice?
- How does this truth reshape the way we think about pleasing God?

6. Jesus as the True Substitute

- How does the story of Isaac point forward to Jesus (John 3:16)?
- In what ways does God go beyond Abraham's test by giving His own Son?

7. Living as a Response

- Read Romans 12:1. What does it mean to offer your life as a living sacrifice?

- Where might God be calling you to deeper obedience right now?

Closing Prayer

Thank God for His faithfulness, for seeing you in every trial, and for providing the ultimate sacrifice through Jesus. Ask for the courage to live in obedient trust.