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The God of

Abraham • Isaac • Jacob

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God will provide!

Genesis 22

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The estimated 37' high torrent that exploded into Johnstown on the afternoon of May 31, 1889, had carried away so much in its 14-mile rampage down the Little Conemaugh River valley. Some 2,209 people were crushed, drowned or incinerated after the debris caught fire. Thousands became homeless.

Hettie and Minnie Ogle

Johnstown Flood of 1889



"Those who give much without sacrifice are reckoned as having given little." Erwin Lutzer

1 Now it came about after these things, that
God tested Abraham, and said to him,
“Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

2 He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

Test 1,2

- Human sacrifice is NOT the test
- Human sacrifice is never asked of other men
- Offering of a life is 'greater love' John 15:13

"Our god is the thing, or person, which we think most precious, for whom we would make the greatest sacrifice, and who moves our heart with the warmest love. He is the person or thing that if lost would leave us desolate." Alan Redpath

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

4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

Trial 3,4

- Obedience
- Elements of obedience
- Actions of obedience
- Dread of obedience

"No sacrifice should be too great for
Him who gave Himself for us."

Harry Ironside

5 Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.”

Trust 5

- Worship is personal
- Worship is private
- Worship is faith – “we will return”

“The heart of the gospel is redemption,
and the essence of redemption is the
substitutionary sacrifice of Christ.”

Charles Spurgeon

6 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 the two of them walked on together.

7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said,
“My father!” And he said, “**Here I am**, my
son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the
wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt
offering?”

8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself
the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."
So the two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took
the knife to slay his son.

True 6-10

- The wood on the sacrifice – Cross on Jesus
- Fire carried in shell – no matches!
- Walked together – Jesus in Garden
- Second “Here I am” is his son asking a question
- God will provide –
- I will obey....

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.”

Romans 12:1 NIV

7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said,
“My father!” And he said, “**Here I am**, my
son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the
wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt
offering?”

11 But the angel of the LORD called to him
from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"
And he said, "**Here I am.**"

12 He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

14 Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, “In the mount of the LORD it will be provided.”

יְהוָה יִרְאֶה
Jehovah Jireh

Genesis 22:1-24



15 Then the angel of the LORD called to
Abraham a second time from heaven,

16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 In your seed all the nations of the earth
shall be blessed, because you have obeyed
My voice.”

Triumph! 7,11-18

- Do we want obedience without difficulty?
- I will obey if.... IS NOT obedience!
- The test was not sacrifice – it was surrender
- The test was a model of eternal fulfillment
- Promises followed the test

"Prayer is reaching out after the unseen; fasting is letting go of all that is seen and temporal. Fasting helps express, deepen, confirm the resolution that we are ready to sacrifice anything, even ourselves to attain what we seek for the kingdom of God." Andrew Murray

God will provide – will we trust?

- What is standing in the way?
- What is too precious in our life?
- What has God asked of us?
- Why do we think it is too much?

"If a commission by an earthly king
is considered an honor, how can
a commission by a Heavenly King
be considered a sacrifice?"

David Livingstone



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