

Genesis 22-23 – 14 November 2019

“Testing Proves Value”

Introduction

Since chapter 12 we’ve been in the story of Abraham

Tonight we get the story of Abe offering Isaac

This will turn out to be one of the greatest Biblical Types in the Bible.

What is a Biblical Type?

Typology is a real-life parable, figure or shadow of something much greater that God will later bring to past.

How can we know this is a valid use of Scripture?

Col 2:16-17 – Paul tells us that they were a shadow to teach us of something bigger.

Heb 8:1-5 – They were specifically accurate

Heb 10:1-3 – Doing the shadow reminds of that the real thing is coming

What should we learn from Biblical Types?

The depths of God's character

The nature of mankind

God's plan of redemption

Tonight, we'll see 2 Ways Abraham's Faith is proven thru his obedience

Chapter 22:1-14 presents the 1st Way Abraham's faith is proven thru obedience of offering Isaac.

Read 22:1

1. God tempts Abe to have faith
 - a. Read John 6:5-6
 - b. Deut 8:1-3
2. What does the Lord find value in us, our faith.
 - a. Luke 18:8b
 - b. Matt 8:10 – the centurion
 - c. It's all through the Gospels
3. God's testing of us is for us to know what's in our own heart.
4. Testing proves the value of something
 - a. Testing of metals, melts away the dross
 - b. Testing of athletes brings out the best

Read 22:2

1. Now that grace (Isaac) is here, the Law (Ishmael) isn't recognized.
 - a. God doesn't recognize works of our flesh

2. 1st time love used in Bible is father and son.
 - a. We need to understand God the Father's love for Jesus here.
 - b. 2nd time love used is when Isaac (the Son) loves his bride (the Church) in Gen 24
3. Mt Moriah
 - a. The very place the Jesus Christ would die.

Read 22:3

1. I submit to you that the two young men represent the Law and the Prophets

Read 22:4

1. Isaac was dead in the mind of Abe for 3 days.
2. Turn to I Cor 15:1-4
 - a. According to what Scripture? Jonah 2
 - b. But much more clearly Gen 22

Read 22:5

1. Abe believed God would raise him from dead.
 - a. Read Heb 11:17-19

Read 22:6

1. Jesus bare cross & God poured out judgment

Read 22:7-8

1. God Himself
 - a. “God will provide Himself a lamb”
 - b. Not: “God will provide for Himself a lamb”
2. The “lad”
 - a. “Lad” is used for any unmarried man
 - b. Isaac could easily have rebelled at this point

Read 22:9-14

1. Jehovah-Jireh
 - a. “God shall see”, not so much God provides.
 - b. Little difference between God’s vision and God’s provision.
 - c. “It shall be seen” – foreshadows Jesus’ crucifixion to fulfill this chapter.

Now we see God’s blessing on Abe for his obedience

Read 22:15-17

1. Turn to James 2:20-23
2. The testing of Abe's faith proves its integrity
3. B/c Abe trusted God with one son; He'll give him innumerable sons!

Read 22:18

1. "Seed" is here singular – for Jesus
 - a. Paul makes a whole argument about this being singular in Gal 3:16
 - b. This is how specific the Bible is
2. B/c of Abe's faith and obedience; the Savior of the world will come thru his family.
 - a. Faith leads to testing of your faith
 - b. True faith brings obedience
 - c. Obedience makes room for God to do GREAT THINGS in your life.

Read 22:19

1. Where's Isaac? Next we see him, getting bride

Now we see the preparation of a bride

Read 22:20-24

1. After the offering of Jesus (Isaac), He begins drawing a bride unto Himself.
2. Here we see the backstory or the preparation of the bride of Isaac (Christ)

Chapter 23:1-20 presents the 2nd Way Abraham's faith is proven thru purchasing a burying place in the land.

Read 23:1-2

1. Abe openly mourned for Sarah.
2. No lady in Bible had their age at death recorded but Sarah.
3. Twice Bible tells us to follow Sarah's example

Read 23:3-4

1. He had no deeded land for he was a wanderer

Read 23:5-9

1. This was the polite custom of the day to offer for free only to expect a counter offer.

Read 23:10-20

1. So before the elders at the gate the deed was ratified.

What does chapter 23 teach us?

1. Abe believed God that this land would be his descendants land.
2. They would all be buried there.
3. Later in Egypt Jacob, has his sons promise that when he dies, they won't bury his bones there but that they'll carry them back to the land to be known as Israel. (Gen 50)

Conclusion –

Today we've looked at 2 Ways Abraham's faith was proven.

1. Thru obedience of offering Isaac
 - a. Abe's obedience brought the opportunity for him to be blessed and for him to be a blessing to the whole world
2. Thru purchasing a burying place in the land
 - a. Abe's faith proven to be a legacy that his descendants would follow.

We also looked at:

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