

The Sacrifice of Isaac

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- Abraham has heard the voice of God for decades now. Since he was 75 in Ur
 - [Genesis 12](#) – The call from UR
 - [Genesis 13](#) – after Lot separated from him. The land
 - [Genesis 14](#) – after rescue of Lot, Melchizedek blesses both Abram & God
 - [Genesis 15](#) – The covenant confirmed. A son promised, land promised, The smoking furnace pot
 - [Genesis 16](#) – Sarai gave Hagar to Abram to help God. The Angel of the LORD spoke to Hagar “Submit”
 - [Genesis 17](#) – Name change to Abraham, covenant of circumcision, Isaac’s name and birth promised
 - [Genesis 18](#) – The Lord appeared with two angels and promised to return in about a year, and Abraham would have a son by Sarah. Interceded with God over Sodom.



- [Genesis 19](#) – Sodom/ Lot
 - [Genesis 20](#) – God speaks to Abimelech, not Abraham
 - [Genesis 21](#) – God confirms to Abraham that Sarah is correct and through Isaac will Abraham be reckoned. Hagar & Ishmael sent away.
- Abraham’s faith has been tested and has grown.
 - Some failures have occurred (Egypt, Hagar, Abimelech)
 - Also, some victories (Leaving UR, Trusting God with Lot’s choice of land, believing God, Rescue of Lot, circumcision, **sending his 1st born son away!**)

- All this leads up to this event in [chapter 22](#).
- **Dr. Thomas Constable** – ". . . the main point of [Genesis 22:9-14](#) is not the doctrine of the Atonement. It is portraying an obedient servant worshipping God in faith at great cost, and in the end receiving God's provision." [Note: Ross, "Genesis," p. 65.]¹

^{22:1} After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² 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."

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. ⁴ **On the third day** Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.

- **After these things** – Ishmael being sent away and the treaty with Abimelech [chapter 21](#)
- **Tested** – A "Said faith will be tested"
 - Testing is not for the teacher's sake but for the students.
- **Here I am** – Fellowship/ relationship provides a recognition of His voice
- **your only son** – [Genesis 17:16–21](#); [18:10](#) The son of promise was Isaac.
 - Ishmael was sent away and would not be part of the covenant/ promise thread God set up.
 - God was still kind to Ishmael for Abraham's sake, but the "Adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises, the patriarchs, and **the Christ**, who is God over all, blessed forever, Amen." Would come by way of Isaac!
- **whom you love** –

¹ Constable, Thomas. DD. "Commentary on Genesis 22". "Dr. Constable's Expository Notes". <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/eng/dcc/genesis-22.html>. 2012.

- Isaac was the promised/ miracle son.
- Abraham had sent Ishmael away.
- land of Moriah – Jerusalem, where Abraham met Melchizedek ([Genesis 14:17-20](#))
- **burnt offering** – [Genesis 4:4](#); [Genesis 8:20](#)
- **Rose early** – Last chapter Abraham heard from God and rose early:
 - [Genesis 21:14](#) – So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba
- **On the third day** – For three days Isaac was dead in Abraham’s mind
 - [Hebrews 11:17](#) – 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.**

⁵ 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.” ⁶ 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.**

- **and worship** – 1st use of this word “Worship”
 - **[note] – no music! No instruments! No smoke machines!**
 - Only obedience!
 - Over 800 years later, King Saul will fail to be obedient even though he thinks he is worshiping God – [1 Samuel 15](#)
 - 430 years from Jacob – [Exodus 12:40-41](#)
 - 480 Years from the Exodus to Solomon’s temple [1 Kings 6:1](#)

- 1 Samuel 15:22-23: ²² And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey **is better than sacrifice**, and to listen than the fat of rams. ²³ For **rebellion** is as the sin of **divination**, and **presumption** is as iniquity and **idolatry**. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.”

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⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the **wood**, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.²

- Isaac was between 5 and 37 when this happened.
 - He was weaned – [Genesis 21:8](#)
 - Sarah died at 127, making Isaac 37 at her death – [Genesis 23](#)
 - He was probably 33, but the Bible does not say.
- **Wood** – Mentioned 5 times in this chapter
 - Isaac carried the wood when they got to Mount Moriah
- God will provide for himself – Elohim’ Jireh
 - **KJV** – And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself** a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.
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⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the **Angel of the LORD** called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

² Isaac was probably 33, <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/eng/acc/genesis-22.html#verse-2>

¹² 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.” ¹³ 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.

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.”

- ***Jehovah-jireh*** — יהוה יראה *Yehovah-yireh, The Lord will see*

¹⁵ And 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 and have not withheld your son, **your only son**,

- Notice, **God did not provide** the lamb for Abraham here.
 - When the Lamb is provided, he is announced by John the Baptist
 - [John 1:29](#) – ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “**Behold, the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!”
 - [Revelation 5:12](#) – ¹² saying with a loud voice, “**Worthy is the Lamb** who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”
- This is the 1st reference of a substitutionary sacrifice, one life in place of another
- By myself I have sworn – The Angel of the Lord is **YHWH!!!**
- **Warren Wiersby** – “How does God provide for us? In ways that are usually quite natural. God did not send an angel with a sacrifice; He simply allowed a ram to get caught in a bush at a time when Abraham needed it and in a place where Abraham could get his hands on it. All Abraham needed was one animal, so God did not send a whole flock of sheep.”

¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of

his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

²⁰ Now after these things it was told to Abraham, “Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: ²¹ Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, ²² Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel.” ²³ (Bethuel fathered **Rebekah**.) These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. ²⁴ Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.