

The Tests of God

Text: Genesis 22

Context - After settling in the land of Gerar in Genesis 21, Genesis 22 illustrates God testing Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrifice his son Isaac, revealing Abraham's obedience and trust in God's provision.

God's tests should lead you to...

I. _____ God's Place (vs. 1-2)

- A. God often permits or orchestrates trials to reveal a person's love for Him, refine their character, strengthen their faith, and prepare them for His purposes. God does not tempt anyone to do evil (see note on James 1:13).
- B. God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, testing Abraham's obedience, faith, and love for God above all things.

II. _____ in God's Plans (vs. 3-10)

- A. How did Abraham respond to God's test? He got up early in the morning (vs. 3), and went to the place God had told him. Everything Abraham does in this passage is in direct obedience to God's commands.
- B. We may be placed in difficult situations where we may not understand God's will, but we must strive to stay faithful to his instructions.

III. _____ God's Provisions (vs. 11-24)

- A. God halts the sacrifice and provides a ram, exhibiting a substitute sacrifice in place of Isaac. This is a direct allegory to the substitute death of Jesus Christ in place of the sinner at calvary.
- B. God has provided a substitute sacrifice in place of the sinner through Jesus Christ, where we do not have to face the penalty of death and separation from God. Have you received the salvation that God has provided?