Genesis 22

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

2 Then He said, "Take now 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."

Genesis 22

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 the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Genesis 22

8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

Genesis 22

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

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Genesis 22

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

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

Genesis 22

17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants 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."

Genesis 12

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Genesis 12

3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

PROMISE:

I will make you a great nation

I will bless you And make your name great

(Then…) You shall be a blessing

I will bless those who bless you,.

I will curse those who curse you.

Then…

In you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

But...

Genesis 12

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram:

"Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

GO WHERE I SEND YOU!

If you go:

I will make you a great nation (people)

Genesis 12

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Genesis 17

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

Genesis 18

1 Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre.

10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

Genesis 18

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

14 "Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

Believed in God’s promise

75 years old

Fulfillment of the promise

100 years old

ISAAC, the promised son

His descendant

A GREAT NATION

Genesis 22

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

2 Then He said, "Take now 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.“

THE TESTING OF HIS FAITH

James 1

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

1 Peter 1

7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

God did not need to know whether Abraham would pass the test.

This test was for Abraham's benefit.
It was an opportunity to demonstrate faith in a situation designed by the Lord

TESTING:

(Challenging situation)

Remain faithful

Genesis 22

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2 Then He said, "Take now 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.”**

ISAAC: The Promise, the future

CONTRARY TO COMMON SENSE

Hebrews 11

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"

Hebrews 11

19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him (back from death) in a figurative sense.

TESTING

(Challenging situation)

Remain faithful

Remain obedient

Abraham did not want to sacrifice his son

- He knew that there was something greater taking place
- He knew that God was capable of accomplishing
  His purposes regardless of what was happening.

HE CONCLUDED THAT GOD WAS ABLE TO RAISE HIM UP, EVEN FROM THE DEAD

TESTING

Challenging situation

Remain faithful

(God is Almighty)

Remain obedient

(God knows all things)

Expect a reward

(God is a good Father)

Hebrews 11

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder (one who pays wages) of those who diligently seek Him.

REWARDS:

Faithfulness

Obedience

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Genesis 22

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22

14 And Abraham called the name of the place,

The-LORD-Will-Provide;

(YHWH SHALL BE SEEN)

as it is said to this day,

"In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided (seen)."

Genesis 22

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld (held back, kept to yourself, restrained) your son, your only son.

Hebrews 6

13 For when God made a promise (an announcement) to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater,

He swore (to) by Himself

HE SWORE
HE MADE AN OATH



OATH

Genesis 22

17 “Blessing (BARAK) I will bless you (BARAK), and multiplying (RABAH) I will multiply (RABAH) your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and **your descendants 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."

Hebrews 6

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.“

This is not a promise:

This is an oath (number seven)

BARAK, BARAK

RABAH, RABAH

BLESSING, BLESSING

ABUNDANCE, ABUNDANCE

OATH TO THE ONES WHO DO NOT WITHHOLD

Your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

GENERATIONAL BLESSING

FAITHFUL

OBEDIENT

DID NOT WITHHOLD

REWARD

LET’S NOT WITHHOLD:

WORSHIP

Obedience

Love of the Lord Jesus

Trust that God will provide

Hebrews 11

6 But without (outside) faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is (come to pass, will arise, appear in history), and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.