



Sermon Highlights

The God Who Provides: Living a Life of Sacrificial Obedience

Sermon Summary:

This sermon explores the account of Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac on Mount Moriah as a profound revelation of Jesus Christ and a call to sacrificial living. Pastor Bruce Gordon emphasizes that the entire Bible is fundamentally the revelation of Jesus Christ, from Old Testament types and shadows to His full manifestation in the New Testament. Using Abraham's ultimate test of obedience, the message challenges believers to examine whether God truly sits on the throne of their hearts or whether they hold back areas of their lives from His lordship. The sermon confronts modern Christianity's tendency toward comfort and convenience, calling instead for genuine worship that flows from sacrifice—sacrifice of time, finances, priorities, and ultimately, complete surrender to God's will. Pastor Bruce Gordon draws powerful parallels between Isaac and Jesus, showing how this Old Testament narrative foreshadows Christ's willing sacrifice on the cross.

Key Points:

- The Bible is primarily the revelation of Jesus Christ, from Genesis to Revelation, in types, symbols, and direct manifestation
- Sacrifice is a central theme throughout Scripture and is essential to genuine worship
- Immediate obedience to God's revealed will is the mark of spiritual maturity; delayed obedience is disobedience
- True worship cannot exist without sacrifice—of time, finances, priorities, and self-will
- Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac demonstrates the level of trust and obedience God desires from His people
- Isaac serves as a type of Christ: miraculous birth, only son of promise, willing sacrifice, wood on his back, bound and laid on an altar
- Many believers claim God is first in their lives while their time, finances, and priorities reveal otherwise

- Regular church attendance, consistent devotional life, and sacrificial giving are not burdens but joys for those truly surrendered to God
- Romans 12 calls us to present our bodies as living sacrifices—this is our "reasonable worship"
- The church has compromised to the point where normal biblical Christianity now seems extreme

Scripture Reference:

- Genesis 22:8-19 (primary passage)
- Colossians 1:15-17 (Christ as Creator and Sustainer)
- Hebrews 11 (Abraham's faith that God could raise Isaac from the dead)
- Romans 12:1 (presenting bodies as living sacrifices)
- Hebrews 10:25 (not forsaking the assembling together)
- Revelation 1 (Christ revealed as the glorified High Priest)

Stories:

- The account of Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac on Mount Moriah, with God providing a ram caught in the thicket
- The widow's mite (Luke 21/Mark 12) - the poor widow who gave her last two pennies while the wealthy gave from their abundance
- Peter's declaration of loyalty to Jesus followed by his denial before a servant girl
- Pastor Bruce Godron's personal testimony of growing up "dirt poor" and maintaining a principle of sacrificial giving regardless of financial circumstances
- Noah building an altar and offering sacrifices immediately after exiting the ark
- Adam and Eve being clothed with animal skins by God after the Fall, introducing the theme of sacrifice
- Abraham's covenant sacrifice in Genesis 15, cutting animals in two
- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane asking the Father if the cup could pass from Him, yet submitting to God's will