



The God Story: The Ultimate Test of Trust

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Let's Pray



Remembering the school days



Vivid Dreams about the school days



*“Celia,
have you skipped school?
haven’t you been revising
for the test?’
but the test is in one hour!”*

Vivid Dreams that are
terrible nightmares



Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT:

5 Trust in the Lord with all
your heart; do not depend
on your own understanding.

6 Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which
path to take.



~~Abram = Exalted Father~~

Abraham = Father of Nations

~~Sarai = Princess~~

Sarah = Mother of Nations

Genesis 17



The joy of seeing
God's promise

Isaac which means
laughter

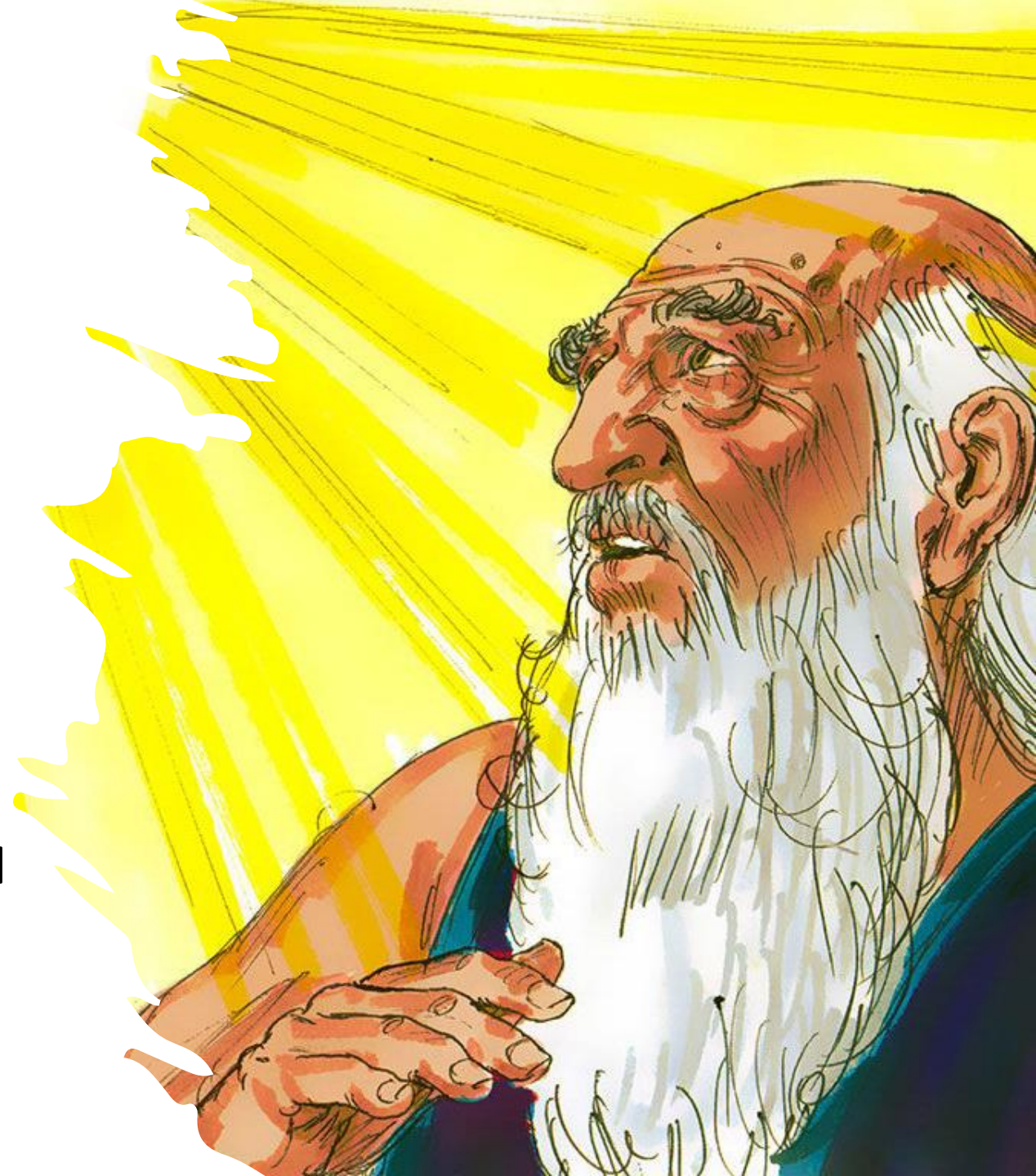


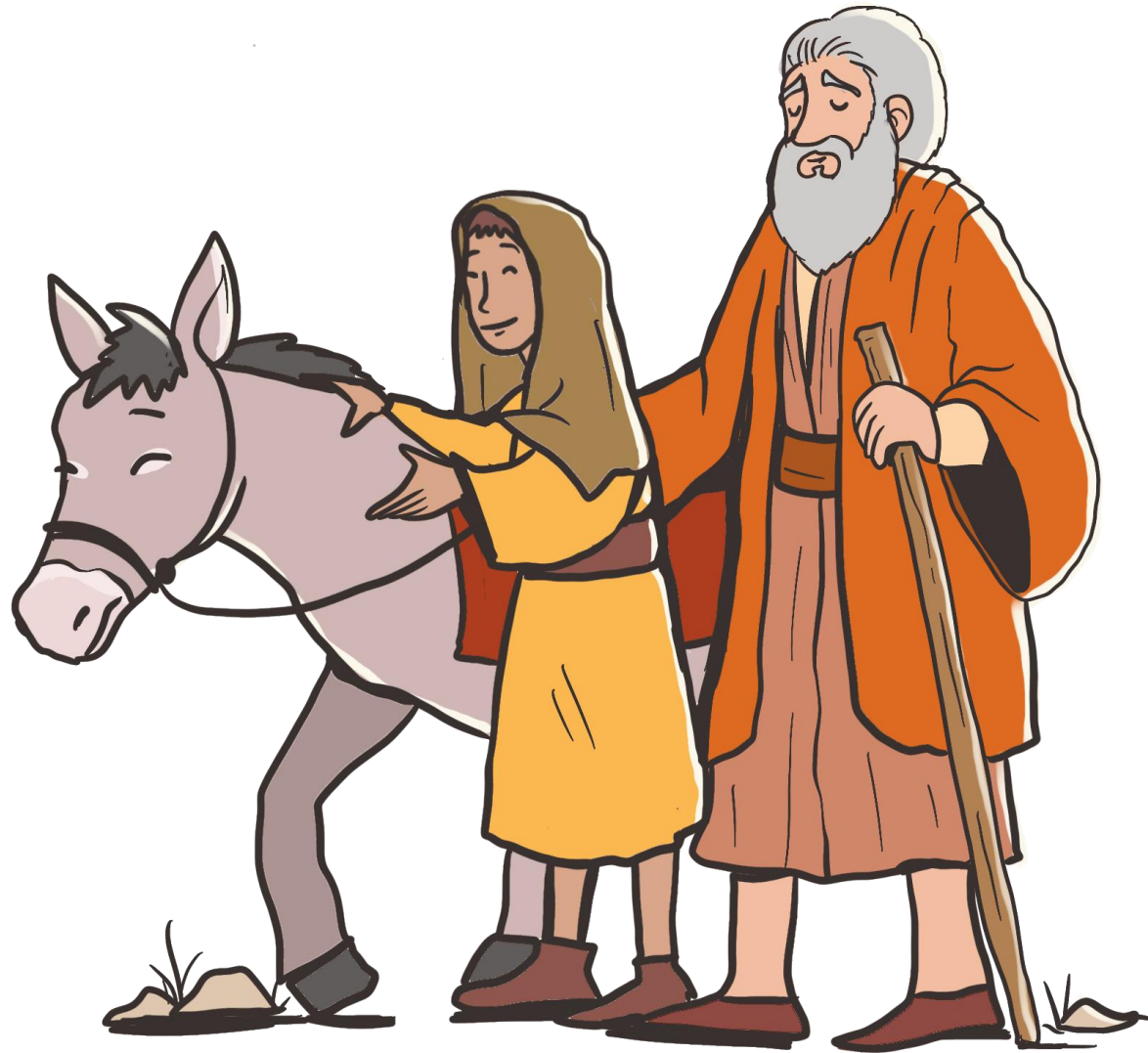
Genesis 22 NLT

Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith.
"Abraham!" God called

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

2 "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."





3 The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about.

4 On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

5 “Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.”

6 So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,

7 Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

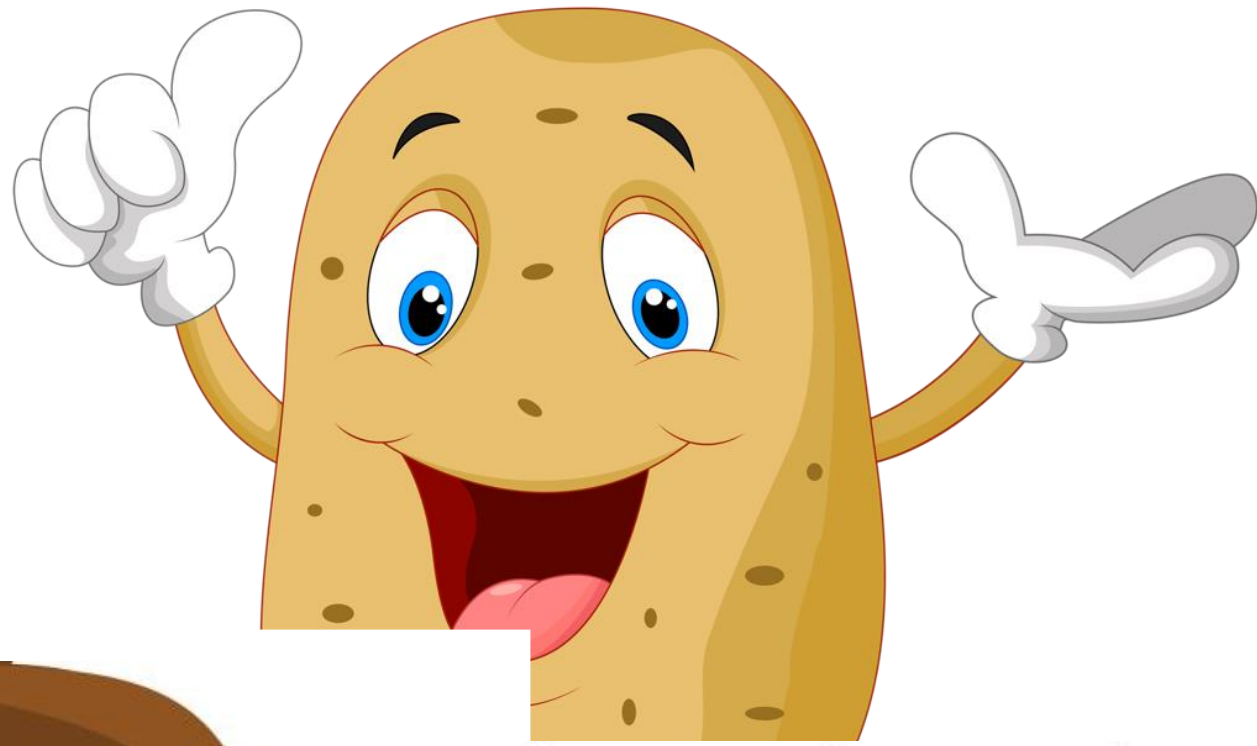
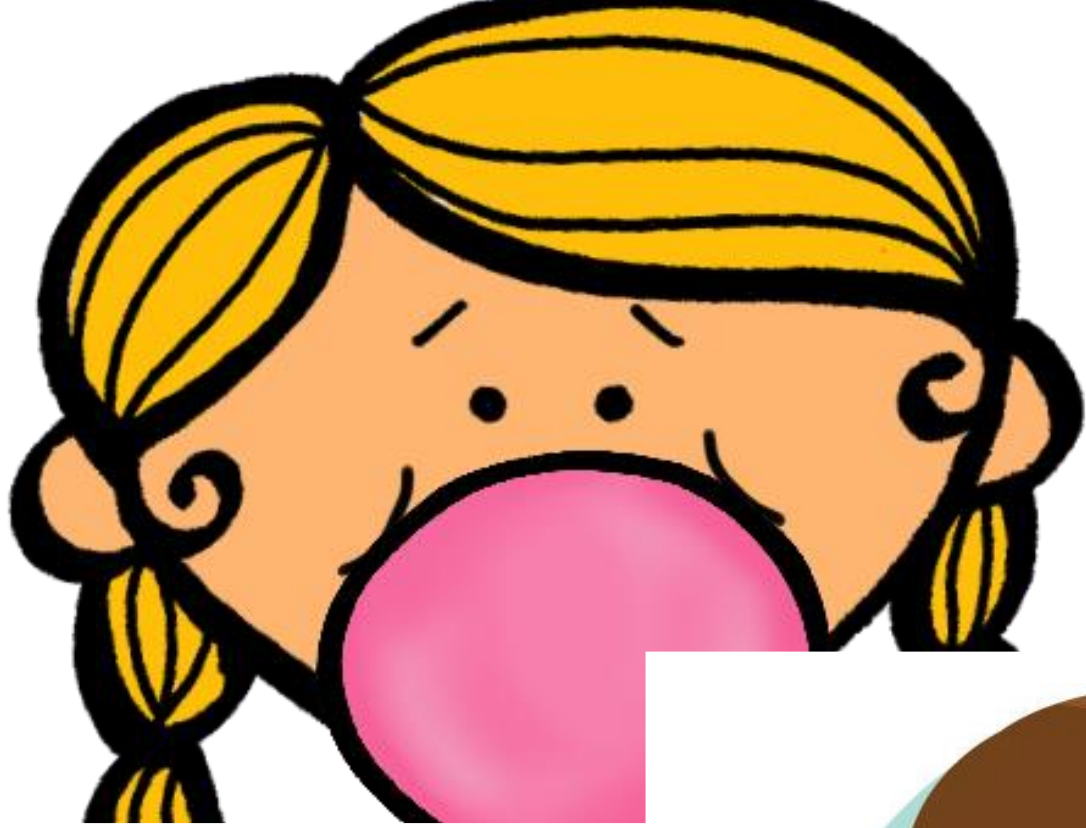
"We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"



8 “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered.

And they both walked on together.





A hand is shown with its palm facing forward. The skin of the hand is replaced by a world map, with continents in various colors (green, yellow, orange, red) and oceans in light blue. The fingers are also covered in the map texture. The background is a plain, light gray.

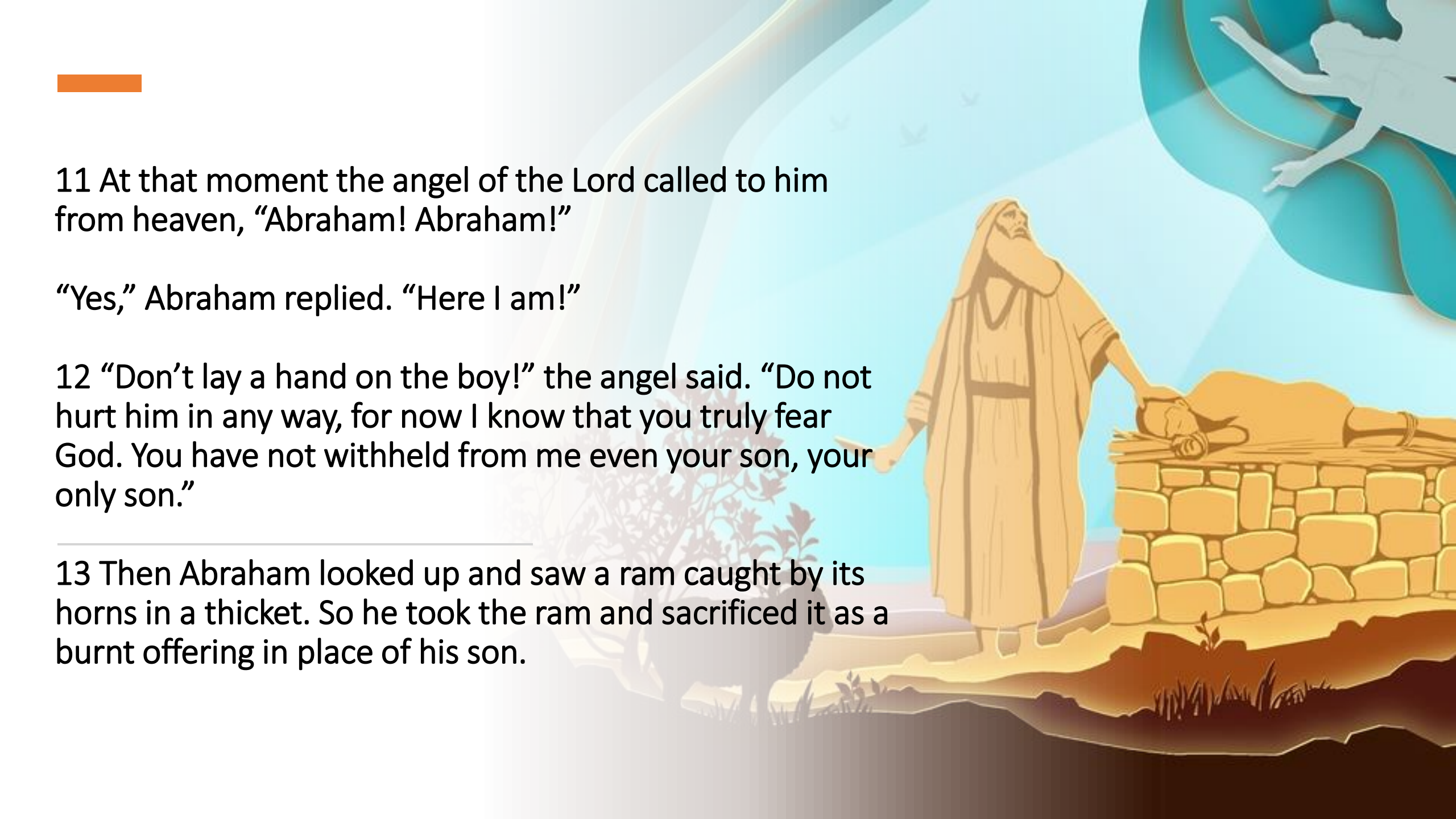
**Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal
of your mind, that by testing you
may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Romans 12:2

9 When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

10 And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice.





11 At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!”

12 “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.”

13 Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

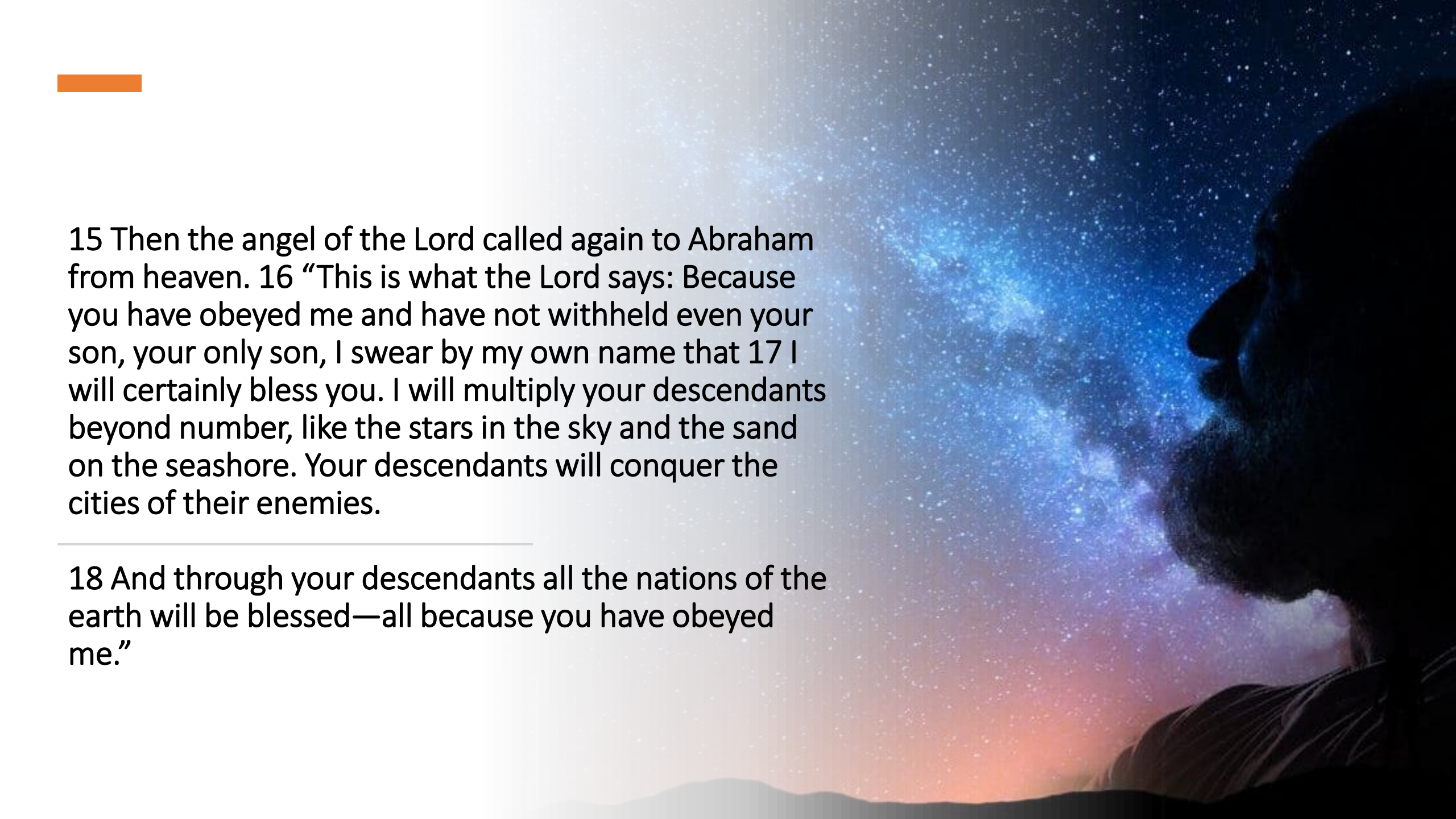


14 Abraham named the place
Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the
Lord will provide”).

To this day, people still use that name
as a proverb: “On the mountain of
the Lord it will be provided.”

- only those who die to themselves know how to truly live,
 - only those who give up the gift can truly receive the Giver,
 - only those who lay down the promise can receive the fullness of his presence.
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A silhouette of a bearded man, likely Abraham, is shown in profile on the right side of the image, looking upwards. The background is a vibrant night sky featuring the Milky Way galaxy, with stars and nebulae in shades of blue, purple, and orange. The man's face is dark, and his beard is prominent. The overall mood is contemplative and awe-inspiring.

15 Then the angel of the Lord called again to Abraham from heaven. 16 “This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that 17 I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies.

18 And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”

19 Then they returned to the servants and travelled back to Beersheba, where Abraham continued to live.



Matthew 3:17 NIV

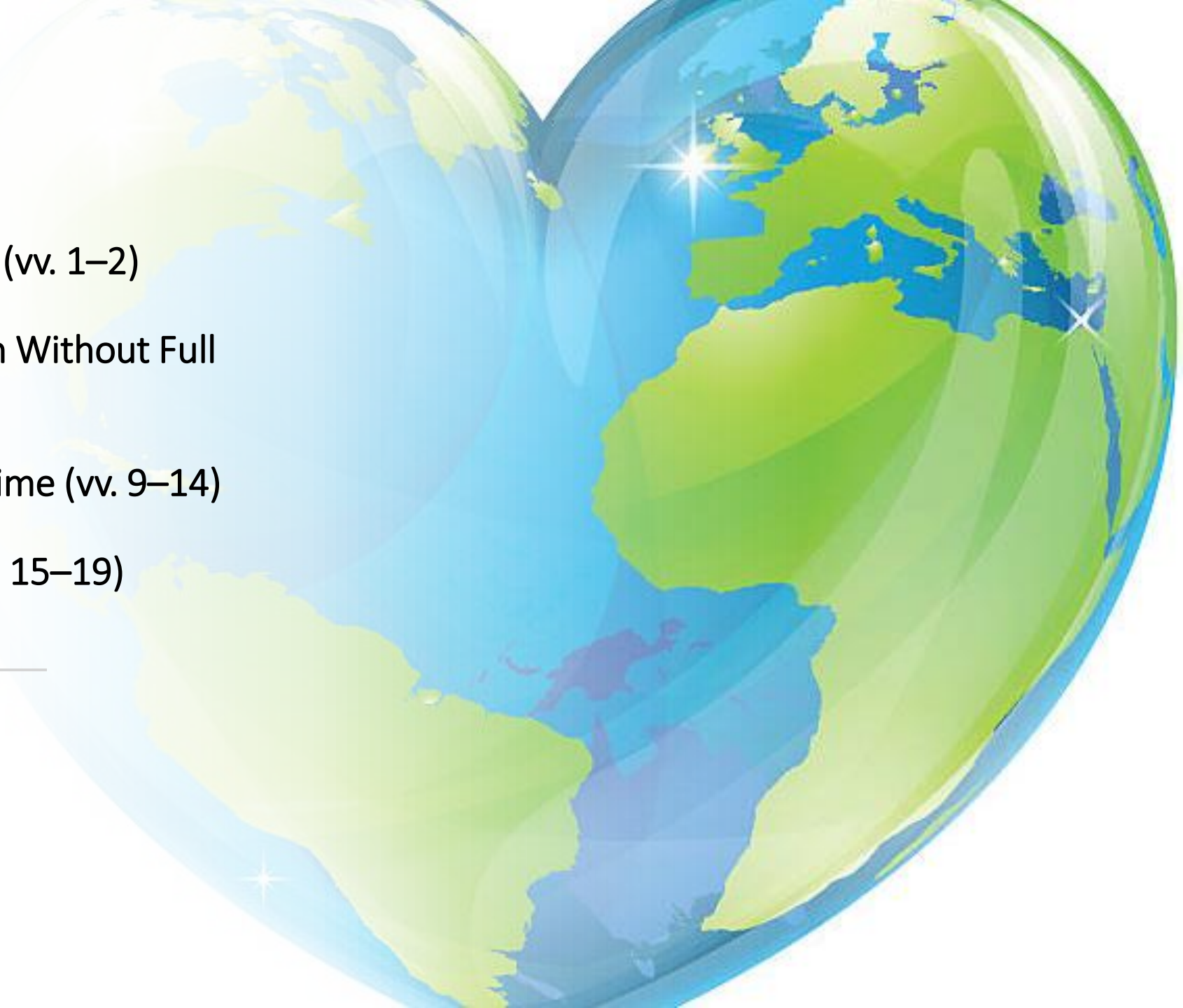
And a voice from
heaven said, "This is
my Son, whom I
love; with him I am
well pleased."



John 3:16 NIV

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.





To Summarise Genesis 22

1. God's Tests Reveal Our Hearts (vv. 1–2)
 2. Faith Walks in Obedience Even Without Full Understanding (vv. 3–8)
 3. God's Provision Is Always on Time (vv. 9–14)
 4. Obedience Brings Blessing (vv. 15–19)
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Our God is:
The Giver of
Promises
&
The Provider



And Finally Let's pray

