

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

God wants us to know He is a faithful God who will provide. His name is Jehovah-Jireh, the Hebrew name for God meaning 'the Lord will provide'

Deeper meaning 'to see' but also implying to provide and to perceive

The name signifies God's character as a provider, not just in one specific instance but as a consistent and reliable source of provision throughout life!

Gen 22:1-14 NIV Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the

knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram^[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

This is a pivotal moment demonstrating Abraham’s faith and God’s provision

We all want to know and believe that God will be our provider, but many times we’re slow to respond in faith to God’s instructions

Many times what God asks of us is the extreme opposite of what we thought He would ask and we wonder Lord, are you even listening?

If you were here last Sunday night you remember I said your harvest will always resemble your seed – so don’t be surprised by God’s instructions

**Gen 8:22 NIV “As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.”**

The question you must ask yourself while waiting on God’s provision, do I love and trust God more than anyone else?

Abraham had to answer this question

1. OBEDIENCE PROCEEDS PROVISION V. 1-5

Abraham's commitment to God would be tested to the max here. I mean Isaac was the promised child that Abraham and Sarah had waited so long for and now God asks him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice

It was never God's plan to kill Isaac, but instead to kill out all self-dependence in Abraham so he might fully trust God to be the provider not only for him but eventually for all of us

Pro 3:5,6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths

Who and what are you really depending on?

2. ABRAHAM'S FAITH DEMONSTRATED V. 6-12

James 2:26 amp For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from [its] works of obedience is also dead.

Abraham's willingness to cut the wood for the sacrifice and saddled his donkey the next morning and headed out for the place God had told him about

He was willing to sacrifice his son despite God's promise to make him a great nation through Isaac, this truly highlights his profound faith and trust in God

v. 7,8

Abraham prophetically speaks to Isaac and said the Lord himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering

And they moved on in faith believing, but not yet seeing

Heb 11:1-3 NKJV Now faith is the ^[a]substance of things hoped for, the ^[b]evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

³ By faith we understand that the ^[c]worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

But how does this apply to us? What God was asking Abraham to do with his son Isaac is also prophetically speaking or foreshadowing God offering His only Son to become the redemptive sacrifice and substitute for our sins!

The Heavenly Father Himself did what He asked Abraham to do

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life

God's sacrifice solidifies to us that He will provide!

3. GOD'S PROVISION SEEN V. 13,14

Abraham looked up and there was a ram caught in a thicket.

If we continue to look unto Jesus He will prove to be the Author and perfecter of our faith

Abraham named the place "Jehovah Jireh or the Lord will provide"

This emphasizes God's consistent provision for His people, even in times of great need like this!

Listen closely, the way to find abundant life in Christ is through willingness to sacrifice all that God requires!

The Lord will provide!

Redeemer, Healer, Deliverer, Protector, Provider, All-Powerful and Mighty God, El Shaddai, the God who is more than enough

To the widow He's a husband

To the orphan He's a daddy

To those in darkness He is the light of the world

To those who have lost their way He's your door to life and the compass who guides your steps

To those searching for answers He's your wisdom and rhema revelation

To those desiring to know how to make Heaven their home He is the way, truth, and the Life and the only path to Heaven

He's everything – Noah's rainbow, Abraham's ram, Elijah's fire from Heaven, Shadrach Meshach Abednego's visitor and protector in the fire

Church, He is our everything and He is our provider!

