

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
NOVEMBER 2, 2022
GENESIS 22:1-19

INTRODUCTION:

1. Genesis 22 is one of the more difficult passages to understand in the Old Testament.
2. **GENESIS 22.1:** *“And it came to pass after these things.”* After Abraham’s covenant made with Abimelech, *“God tested Abraham”*
 - a) On occasion, God tests His people, *“to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not”* (Deut. 8.2).
 - b) Other examples of God putting His people to the test. (Job 1.6-8; cf. 1 Pet. 5.8; 1.7)
3. Abraham was a man of great faith. But his faith was going to be tested more than it has ever been tested in the past.

I. PROVING

- A. Abraham’s commitment to God was put to the test.
 1. **GENESIS 22.2:** *“Then He said, ‘Take now your son’*
 - a) Abraham waited for twenty-five years to have a son. (Gen. 21.5; cf. 12.4)
 - c) Moriah was possibly the site that later became Jerusalem. (2 Chr. 3.1)
 2. **GENESIS 22.2:** *“your only son, whom you love.”*
 - a) He had two sons, but Ishmael was sent away. (Gal. 4.22; Gen. 21.14)
 - b) Isaac was his only son in whom the promises were made. (Gen. 22.12,16)
 3. Our commitment to God is tested. (Luke 14.25-27; Matt. 10.37)
- B. Abraham’s attitude toward God was put to the test.
 1. **GENESIS 22.3:** *“So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey”*
 2. How do we handle difficult tasks? (Luke 9.59-62; Acts 24.25).
 3. Obeying God was the first thing on Abraham’s agenda. (Gen. 22.3)
- C. Abraham’s faith in God was put to the test.
 1. **GENESIS 22.4,5:** *“And Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.’”*
 2. **GENESIS 22.6:** *“So Abraham took the wood...and the two of them went together.”*
 - a) Abraham’s faith and fear moved him to obey God. (Gen. 22.9-12,15,16)
 - b) Hebrews connects faith with obedience. (cf. Heb. 11.17-19)

II. PROVISION

- A. The question asked by Isaac.
 1. **GENESIS 22.7:** *“Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb...?”*
 - a) Imagine the heart of Abraham toward Isaac. (cf. Gen. 21.10,11)
 - b) Imagine the heart of God toward Jesus. (Luke 22.41-44; Isa. 53.10)
 2. **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.”*
 3. Abraham did not know how the offering would be provided. (Gen. 22.8; Heb. 11.19)
- B. The provision that God made available.
 1. **GENESIS 22.13,14:** *“And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, ‘In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’”*
 2. Provide (raha): “to see, look, examine” [Strong]. It is to see a need and provide for it.
 3. Luck? Fate? No, it is providence. (Ps. 104.14; Luke 12.22-31)