

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
NOVEMBER 16, 2022
GENESIS 22:15-24

INTRODUCTION:

1. Just before Abraham slayed his son, the Angel of the Lord stayed his hand.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.12:** *“now I know that you fear God”*
 - b) **HEBREWS 11.17:** *“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac”*
2. After obeying God, the Angel of the Lord restated His promises.

I. THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

- A. **GENESIS 22.15:** *“Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham...”*
 1. LORD (YHWH): The official name of God. (Ex. 6.3)
 2. Angel (malak): Messenger. Equivalent to angelos in the New Testament.
 3. Not “an” angel of the Lord, but “the” angel of the Lord. Not one among many.
- B. Who is the Angel of the LORD?
 1. The Angel of the Lord was to be obeyed. (Judges 2.1,2)
 2. The Angel of the Lord went with the children of Israel. (Ex. 13.21; 14.19)
 3. The Angel of the Lord was worshipped. (Josh. 5.13-15; cf. Rev. 22.8,9)
 3. Jesus was with the children of Israel. (1 Cor. 10.4,9)

II. THE PROMISES OF THE LORD

- A. God restated three promises.
 1. A promise was made to Abraham.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.17:** *“I will bless you.”*
 - b) What did God promise Abraham? (Gen. 12.2,3)
 2. A promise was made to the descendants of Abraham.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.17:** *“I will multiply your descendants...and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.”*
 - b) What did God promise the descendants of Abraham? (Deut. 1.10; Heb. 11.12)
 3. A promise was made to all of humanity.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.18:** *“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed”*
 - b) What did God promise to the world? (Gal. 3.8,9,16)
- B. Why did God reiterate His promises? (Gen. 22.15,18)

III. OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD

- A. Our eternal destiny is conditioned on our faithful obedience.
 1. **ROMANS 2.7:** *“Eternal life”* to those who *“do good.”*
 2. **ROMANS 2.8,9:** *“indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish”* to those who *“do not obey the truth.”* Doing good is equated with obeying the truth. (cf. James 4.17)
 3. What is the truth? (Rom. 2.2; John 12.48; 17.17)
- B. Jesus is the source of salvation *“to all who obey Him”* (Heb. 5.9).
 1. Jesus obeyed even when obedience meant death. (Matt. 26.37-39; Heb. 5.8)
 2. We are expected to obey even in matters that are difficult. (Jonah 1.1-3; 4.1-3)
 3. What commands do you find most difficult to obey? (Matt. 5.44; Rom. 12.19)
- C. The only way to purify your souls is by *“obeying the truth”* (1 Pet. 1.21,25).