

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
NOVEMBER 9, 2022
GENESIS 22:15-19

INTRODUCTION:

1. Testing Abraham, God sent him to Moriah to slay his son. In a display of faith and trust in God, Abraham obeyed Him.
 - a) **GENESIS 22.12:** “...you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”
 - b) **GENESIS 22.16:** “...because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son...”
2. What moved Abraham to obey such a difficult commandment?
 - a) Abraham was moved by faith. (Heb. 11.17-19)
 - b) Abraham was moved by fear. (Gen. 22.12). Heb. Ya’re: “be afraid, honor” (Strong)

I. SHOULD FEAR MOTIVATE US TO OBEY GOD?

- A. Warnings about the consequences of disobedience.
 1. Warning that are given in the Old Testament.
 - a) God instilled fear in the hearts of His people from Sinai. (Ex. 19.16; 20.19-21)
 - b) God warns Israel of punishment if they do not obey. (Lev. 26.14ff)
 2. Warnings that are given in the New Testament.
 - a) Paul warned about the “*terror of the Lord*” (2 Cor. 5.9-11)
 - b) We are warned to fear God, “*otherwise, you also will be cut off*” (Rom. 11.19-22)
 - c) We are warned to fear God more than men. (Matt. 10.27,28)
- B. Examples of those who did not obey.
 1. Examples from the Old Testament.
 - a) Nadab and Abihu. (Lev. 10.1-3)
 - b) The man who picked up sticks. (Num. 15.32-36)
 2. Examples from the New Testament.
 - a) Ananias and Sapphira. (Acts 5.1-11)
 - b) Moses: An example for the church. (Hebrews 12.18-21,28,29)
- C. Should we not be teaching about the love of God? (Rom. 11.22)

II. PROMISES ARE CONDITIONED ON OBEDIENCE

- A. The promises of God to Abraham were reemphasized because of his obedience.
 1. **GENESIS 22.15,16:** “*because you have done this thing.*”
 2. **GENESIS 22.17:** Abraham will be blessed, and his descendants will be multiplied.
 3. **GENESIS 22.18:** The world will be blessed through Abraham’s seed.
 4. **GENESIS 22.18:** “*because you have obeyed My voice.*”
- B. Our eternal destiny is conditioned on our faithful obedience.
 1. We have “*eternal life*” if we “*obey the truth*” (Rom. 2.6-11)
 - a) A contrast is made between those who do good and those who do evil.
 - b) Doing good is connected to obeying the truth.
 2. Jesus is the source of salvation “*to all who obey Him*” (Heb. 5.9).
 - a) Jesus obeyed even when obedience meant death. (Heb. 5.8)
 - b) We are expected to obey even in matters that are difficult. Remember Jonah!
 3. The only way to purify your souls is by “*obeying the truth*” (1 Pet. 1.21).