

The Family that Followed God (Part 13)

Genesis 22:1-19 NASB

The Offering of Isaac



Genesis 21:1-19 Abraham's Faith Tested

- 1 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.

John 19:17

17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

Via Dolorosa



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**.



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.



Hebrews 11:17–19^{NASB}

- 17 **By faith** Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son;
- 18 it was he to whom it was said, “IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.”
- 19 **He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead**, from which he also received him back as a type.



- 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.”

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 traveled back to Beersheba,
where Abraham continued to live.



James 2:21

Was not Abraham our father **justified by works** when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

22 You see that **faith was working with his works**, and as a result of the works, **faith was perfected**;

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says,
“AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS,”
and he was called the friend of God.



Romans 8:31-32

31 What then shall we say to these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He **who did not spare His own Son,**
but **delivered Him over** for us all,
how will He not also with Him
freely give us all things?



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