

# ABRAHAM'S FAITH & GOD'S PROVISION

GENESIS 22



## GENESIS 22:1-19 (CSB)

AFTER THESE THINGS GOD TESTED ABRAHAM AND SAID TO HIM, “ABRAHAM!”  
“HERE I AM,” HE ANSWERED.

<sup>2</sup> “TAKE YOUR SON,” HE SAID, “YOUR ONLY SON ISAAC, WHOM YOU LOVE, GO TO THE LAND OF MORIAH, AND OFFER HIM THERE AS A BURNT OFFERING ON ONE OF THE MOUNTAINS I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT.”

<sup>3</sup> SO ABRAHAM GOT UP EARLY IN THE MORNING, SADDLED HIS DONKEY, AND TOOK WITH HIM TWO OF HIS YOUNG MEN AND HIS SON ISAAC. HE SPLIT WOOD FOR A BURNT OFFERING AND SET OUT TO GO TO THE PLACE GOD HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT.



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<sup>4</sup> ON THE THIRD DAY ABRAHAM LOOKED UP AND SAW THE PLACE IN THE DISTANCE. <sup>5</sup> THEN ABRAHAM SAID TO HIS YOUNG MEN, “STAY HERE WITH THE DONKEY. THE BOY AND I WILL GO OVER THERE TO WORSHIP; THEN WE’LL COME BACK TO YOU.” <sup>6</sup> ABRAHAM TOOK THE WOOD FOR THE BURNT OFFERING AND LAID IT ON HIS SON ISAAC. IN HIS HAND HE TOOK THE FIRE AND THE KNIFE, AND THE TWO OF THEM WALKED ON TOGETHER.

<sup>7</sup> THEN ISAAC SPOKE TO HIS FATHER ABRAHAM AND SAID, “MY FATHER.”  
AND HE REPLIED, “HERE I AM, MY SON.”

ISAAC SAID, “THE FIRE AND THE WOOD ARE HERE, BUT WHERE IS THE LAMB FOR THE BURNT OFFERING?”



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<sup>8</sup> ABRAHAM ANSWERED, “GOD HIMSELF WILL PROVIDE THE LAMB FOR THE BURNT OFFERING, MY SON.” THEN THE TWO OF THEM WALKED ON TOGETHER.

<sup>9</sup> WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE PLACE THAT GOD HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT, ABRAHAM BUILT THE ALTAR THERE AND ARRANGED THE WOOD. HE BOUND HIS SON ISAAC AND PLACED HIM ON THE ALTAR ON TOP OF THE WOOD. <sup>10</sup> THEN ABRAHAM REACHED OUT AND TOOK THE KNIFE TO SLAUGHTER HIS SON.

<sup>11</sup> BUT THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CALLED TO HIM FROM HEAVEN AND SAID, “ABRAHAM, ABRAHAM!”

HE REPLIED, “HERE I AM.”



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<sup>12</sup> THEN HE SAID, "DO NOT LAY A HAND ON THE BOY OR DO ANYTHING TO HIM. FOR NOW I KNOW THAT YOU FEAR GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE NOT WITHHELD YOUR ONLY SON FROM ME." <sup>13</sup> ABRAHAM LOOKED UP AND SAW A RAM CAUGHT IN THE THICKET BY ITS HORNS. SO ABRAHAM WENT AND TOOK THE RAM AND OFFERED IT AS A BURNT OFFERING IN PLACE OF HIS SON. <sup>14</sup> AND ABRAHAM NAMED THAT PLACE THE LORD WILL PROVIDE, SO TODAY IT IS SAID, "IT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE LORD'S MOUNTAIN."

<sup>15</sup> THEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CALLED TO ABRAHAM A SECOND TIME FROM HEAVEN <sup>16</sup> AND SAID, "BY MYSELF I HAVE SWORN," THIS IS THE LORD'S DECLARATION:



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“BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE THIS THING AND HAVE NOT WITHHELD YOUR ONLY SON, <sup>17</sup> I WILL INDEED BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR OFFSPRING AS NUMEROUS AS THE STARS OF THE SKY AND THE SAND ON THE SEASHORE. YOUR OFFSPRING WILL POSSESS THE CITY GATES OF THEIR ENEMIES. <sup>18</sup> AND ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED BY YOUR OFFSPRING BECAUSE YOU HAVE OBEYED MY COMMAND.”

<sup>19</sup> ABRAHAM WENT BACK TO HIS YOUNG MEN, AND THEY GOT UP AND WENT TOGETHER TO BEER-SHEBA. AND ABRAHAM SETTLED IN BEER-SHEBA.



- THE TEST OF ABRAHAM'S FAITH
- ABRAHAM'S RESPONSE
- GOD'S PROVISION



# GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM: THE "QUAD PROMISE"

- PEOPLE
- PROTECTION / PRESENCE
- PROGRAM / PLAN
- PLACE

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# ABRAHAM'S LIFE: FAITH AND UNBELIEF

- GEN. 12:1-8 UR → HARAN → CANAAN . . . BUILDS AN ALTAR
- GEN. 12:10-20 ABRAM AND SARAI IN EGYPT
- GEN. 13 ABRAM AND LOT SEPARATE, . . . BUILDS AN ALTAR
- GEN. 14 ABRAM RESCUES LOT, HONORS MELCHIZEDEK
- GEN. 15 COVENANT
- GEN. 16 ABRAM, SARAI, HAGAR, AND ISHMAEL
- GEN. 17 CIRCUMCISION
- GEN. 18 SARAH LAUGHS, ABRAHAM INTERCEDES FOR SODOM
- GEN. 20 ABRAHAM, SARAH, AND ABIMELECH



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“EVERY SYLLABLE OF THE TEXT IS SIGNIFICANT. ...THE WORDS ARE ALL A CASE OF KNIVES CUTTING AT ABRAHAM’S SOUL. THERE IS SCARCE A SINGLE SYLLABLE OF GOD’S ADDRESS TO HIM, IN THE OPENING OF THIS TRIAL, BUT SEEMS INTENDED TO PIERCE THE PATRIARCH TO THE QUICK.”

(C. H. SPURGEON, “MATURE FAITH” MAY 2, 1869  
METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE PULPIT VOLUME 15)



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“HE WAS A SHEIKH AND A MIGHTY  
MAN IN HIS CAMP, BUT HE BECAME A  
WOOD-SPLITTER, THINKING NO WORK  
MENIAL IF DONE FOR GOD, AND  
RECKONING THE WORK TOO SACRED  
FOR OTHER HANDS. WITH SPLITTING  
HEART HE CLEAVES THE WOOD.  
WOOD FOR THE BURNING OF HIS HEIR!  
WOOD FOR THE SACRIFICE OF HIS  
OWN DEAR CHILD!”

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## LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM:

- TO OBEY GOD WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING
- TO OBEY GOD EVEN WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHEN GOD IS GOING TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE
- TO OBEY GOD EVEN WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S LEADING US THE WAY HE IS





“FAITH DOES NOT SHRINK BACK FROM PAINFUL SACRIFICE. EVEN IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE, WHEN, OR WHY, WE MUST BE WILLING TO GIVE UP THE VERY THING GOD PROMISED US. IF WE DEFIANTLY CLING TO WHAT HE HAS GIVEN TO US, THEN HIS GIFT HAS TAKEN HIS PLACE. THIS IS SOMETHING YOU AND I SHOULD NEVER DO. FAITH IS FAR MORE THAN AN ABSTRACT CONCEPT. IT'S OBEDIENCE — EVERY TIME.”

(CRAWFORD LORITTS, JR.; THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH;  
*MEN'S DAILY BIBLE* P. 28)





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## GENESIS 22:15-18

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- A BLESSING (GEN. 22:15-18)
- A REVELATION OF HIMSELF / HIS CHARACTER:
  - *YAHWEH-YIREH*: "THE LORD WILL PROVIDE"
  - COVENANT KEEPER
  - DIFFERENT SENSE OF TIMING





THE SAINTS SHOULD NEVER BE DISMAYED,  
NOR SINK IN HOPELESS FEAR;  
FOR WHEN THEY LEAST EXPECT HIS AID,  
THE SAVIOR WILL APPEAR.

THIS ABRAH'M FOUND, HE RAISED THE KNIFE,  
GOD SAW, AND SAID, "FORBEAR;"  
YON RAM SHALL YIELD HIS MEANER LIFE,  
BEHOLD THE VICTIM THERE.





ONCE DAVID SEEMED SAUL'S CERTAIN PREY,  
BUT "HARK! THE FOE'S AT HAND!"  
SAUL'S ARMY TURNED ANOTHER WAY,  
TO SAVE TH' INVADED LAND.

WHEN JONAH SANK BENEATH THE WAVE  
HE THOUGHT TO RISE NO MORE;  
BUT GOD PREPARED A FISH TO SAVE,  
AND BEAR HIM TO THE SHORE.





BLEST PROOFS OF POW'R AND GRACE DIVINE,  
THAT MEET US IN HIS WORD!

MAY EVERY DEEP-FELT CARE OF MINE  
BE TRUSTED WITH THE LORD.

WAIT FOR HIS SEASONABLE AID,  
AND THOUGH IT TARRY, WAIT:  
THE PROMISE MAY BE LONG-DELAYED,  
BUT CANNOT COME TOO LATE.

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- A SUBSTITUTE (GEN. 22:13)
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- A REVELATION OF HIMSELF / HIS CHARACTER
- A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE



# A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE

- JESUS: SEEN IN ISAAC



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- JESUS: SEEN IN THE RAM



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- JESUS: SEEN IN THE RAM
- GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON: SEEN IN ABRAHAM



# A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE

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- GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON: SEEN IN ABRAHAM
- JESUS: THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.



# REVIEW, GENESIS 22:1-19

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# CONCLUSION

WILL YOU RESPOND IN FAITH?