

Jesus in the Old Testament

The Testing of Abraham

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The Story

Gen 22:1-2 *Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."*

Abraham was _____ with God's voice.

God tells Abraham to take his only _____ heir and offer him to God as a sacrifice.

Abraham _____ Isaac a lot.

Gen 22:3-5 *So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 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."*

Early the next morning Abraham _____ the wood for the sacrifice and gathered everything he needed and started out on his journey.

After _____ days of traveling Abraham saw his destination in the distance.

Isaac asked Abraham what they were going to offer as a sacrifice.

Gen 22:6-8 *So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.*

Abraham said, "The Lord will _____ the sacrifice."

The word translated "provide" comes from a word that means "sees." The proper translation of the passage is "The Lord sees the sacrifice."

Gen 22:9-12 *Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."*

Abraham built an altar, _____ Isaac and put him on the wood.

Abraham lifted up his hand to kill _____ son.

An angel called from heaven and stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac.

Gen 22:13-14 *Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 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."

God provided a sacrifice for Abraham and Isaac to offer to the Lord _____.
Abraham named the place *The-Lord-Will-*_____.

Gen 22:15-19 *Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son — 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.*

After this monumental event, God _____ His promise to Abraham.
God states that this was going to happen because Abraham _____ God.

Learning from the Story

What indication do we have that his was hard for Abraham?

- He did not question God.
- He did not _____.
- We have no record of him discussing this with _____ or seeking any outside advice.
- He said to the two young men "*the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.*"

Heb 11:17-19 *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.*

Abraham believed God's promise that through _____ the promise would be fulfilled.
Abraham's _____ made it possible for him to offer up Isaac with _____ worries.
Abraham's love for God also helped make offering up Isaac possible. Abraham loved God _____ than he loved Isaac.

Why did God test Abraham like this?

- There is a huge difference between professed faith and _____ faith.
- Biblical faith is joined with _____. Faith without obedience is dead.
- Abraham was going to be the father of the nation God would use to bless the world with His Son. God needed this true story to live in the hearts of His people.
- There is _____ in Bible stories of faith! (Hebrews 11)
- Isaac is a type of Christ. The Isaac story gives us our first look at the story of Christ's death.
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Jesus in the Story

John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Isaac and Jesus were both the only _____ of their father. They were both the only legitimate heir.

Luke 23:32-34 *There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."*

Calvary was a small hill outside Jerusalem. Both men were “sacrificed” on a _____.
It is possible it was the _____ mountain.

Heb 11:17-19 *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son*

Gal 3:16-18 *Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.*

Both Isaac and Jesus were sons of **promise**. Isaac started the fulfillment of the nation promise and Jesus is the fulfillment of the _____ promise.

Gen 22:6-7 *So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.*

John 19:17-19 *And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.*

Both men carried the _____ they would be placed on for the sacrifice.

Gen 22:9-10 *Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.*

Phil 2:8 *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

Both men were _____.
Both men were _____.

Heb 11:19 *...concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.*

Rom 6:4 *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Both men were _____ from the dead; Isaac figuratively and Jesus literally.

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