

ABRAHAM & ISAAC FAITH TEST — GENESIS 22

I God's Instructions for Testing Abraham

Ge.22:1-2



22:2, "Your only son Isaac, whom you love" *father's love for his son*

FIRST mention of LOVE in the Bible

II Abraham's Obedience to God's Instructions

Ge.22:3-10



22:5, "I will go yonder and worship" *Obedience is an act of worship*

FIRST mention of the word WORSHIP in the Bible

- ▣ Abraham knew it was impossible that God would break His promise
- ▣ Abraham had to learn the difference between trusting the PROMISE and trusting the PROMISER.
- ▣ Abraham is trusting God, even when he does not understand.
- ▣ Someone may say, "I'm not going to obey or believe until I understand it all," but that is making oneself equal with God.
- ▣ Abraham had no precedent. No one in the Bible had yet been raised from the dead. Yet Abraham knew God was able (He.11:17-19).
- ▣ The angel of the Lord declared that it was Abraham's WILLINGNESS to surrender his son, not the actual killing of him.

III God's Approval of and Reward for Abraham's Obedience

Ge.22:11-19



22:13, "Instead of his son" *Giving one life for another*

FIRST mention of a SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE in the Bible

Ge.22:18, "In your seed"

▣ 4 SEEDS OF ABRAHAM IN SCRIPTURE

1. *NATURAL SEED* - All physical descendants of Abraham (Ge.12:1-3,7, et al.)
2. *NATURAL-SPIRITUAL SEED* - Believing physical descendants of Abraham (Ro.9:6,8; Ga.6:16)
3. *SPIRITUAL SEED* - Believing non-physical descendants of Abraham (Ga.3:6-9,29)
4. *ULTIMATE SEED* - Jesus Christ (Ga.3:16)

IV Moses' Update Transitioning to Isaac

Ge.22:20-24

▣ ISAAC A PICTURE OF JESUS

1. Both were loved by their father in connection with a sacrifice.
2. Both offered themselves willingly.
3. Both carried wood up the hill of their sacrifice.
4. Both were delivered from death on the third day.