

The Test of Worship

Genesis Chapter 22

Gen 22:1 1) The Test vs 1-4

Ps 69 & 22 from Son's perspective Is 53 from Believers Perspective Gen 22 from God's Perspective

Hebrews 11:17-19 tells us that this event in Abraham's life was a type. - A type of the relationship between our heavenly Father and His on and only Son, Jesus

Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

- *From the Father's Perspective*
- *God tests (Satan tempts us away from God)(older translation uses this word) James 1:13 God tests us to strengthen our faith to God(more correct translation uses this word)*
- *Test comes many years after a walk w/ the Lord - given when it was possible to pass the test*
- *Listen how fast Abraham recognizes his Father's voice (It's been 25 years)*

Gen 22:2 He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

- *We are appalled at this but*
 - *Chaldeans Practiced Human Sacrifice*
 - *This sacrifice was a demonstration of a persons devotion to his God*
 - *Maybe Abraham knowing this occurs, possibly he wondered if he had that kind of devotion*
- *1st mention of love (Father's perspective - the Son was in agreement for this sacrifice Before the foundation of the world)*
 - *This is the first mention of Love in OT (context a Father, a Son, and Sacrifice)*
 - *First mentions of Love in NT Gospels Matt, Mrk & Luke all refer to Jesus' baptism and a voice from heaven, saying "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Or "Thou art My beloved Son, in whom (or in thee) I am well pleased.*
 - *John3:16 1st mention in John "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotton Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*
(Again A Father, A Son, A Sacrifice)
- *Land of Moriah - identified as the mountains around Jerusalem. Where Solomon's Temple was built. (2Chron 3:1) Sacrifices offered there 1000 years later during David's Reign. Some even speculate that God's own Son was a Sacrifice in the same place.*
- *One of the Mountains of which I will tell you - It was predetermined before the foundation of the world.*
- *I will tell you - Did God tell him the future of this mountain (not just location) .*

Gen 22:3 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 wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Gen 22:4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

- *Is this not obvious, "On the third Day"*

Gen 22:5 **2) The Worship** vs 5-19

Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."

- *1st mention of worship (rule of 1st mention is worship is centered around substitutionary death)*
 - Jesus is not mentioned that He worshipped.
 - The closest we come is
 - **Matthew 8:20** "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." (lay His head = "kline" bow His head) No place to worship.
 - **John 19:30** "He cried out, 'It is finished. And He bowed His head and gave up the ghost.'" Jesus finally found a place to bow His head.
- *Plural- we go we worship we return*

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

Gen 22:7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

- *1st mention in OT of the lamb Here is the question?*
- *1st mention in NT of the lamb John 1:29 is the answer "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"*

Gen 22:8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

- *God will provide for Himself*

Gen 22:9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

33:29 cost of his love

- *The most important alter Abraham ever builds. You see he was a man of tents and alters. All his practice of building alters were important for those events yet they were all just practice for this most important alter.*
- *Cost of Father God's Love*
- *Abraham did all the work arranging the alter. Isaac yielded to the Father's will. Again you cannot miss the obvious, Jesus yielded in obedience to the fathers will.*
 - **Luke 22:42** "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.
 - **Philippians 2:8** "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Gen 22:10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Gen 22:11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

Gen 22:12 He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

- *God has taken Abraham closer to God's heart than any other man The feeling / emotions of sacrificing your one and only son.*

Gen 22:13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind {him} a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

- Gen 22:14 Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."
- *In the place of his son - substitutionary death introduced in Genesis*
- John 8:56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw [it], and was glad."
 - *The sacrifice had two deaths. 1st a slitting of the throat and 2nd a burning on the alter*
 - *Jesus' substitutionary death removes the sting of the 1st death for us and eliminates the 2nd death of the lake of fire (Rev 21:8)*
 - *Jehovah Jirah*
- *Some people believe that God is waiting to blast the earth w/ wrath and Jesus interceded to stay the wrath. WRONG!!*
- *It was the Father pictured here that*
- *Read again John 3:16 It is God who so loves*
- Gen 22:15 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,
Gen 22:16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,
Gen 22:17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.
- *Angel of the LORD is God Himself "By Myself I have sworn..."*
- Gen 22:18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."
- *All Nations blessed because of Abraham (Christianity, Judiasm, Islam)*
 - *All he did was believe How about us. What blessings can come to generations after us simply because we believe.*
- Gen 22:19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.
- *Where is Isaac? (Probably with them but just not mentioned)*
 - *Picture of Jesus*
- *Father takes son to Moriah to Sacrifice*
- *The Son not seen for a time*
- *The Father's wife is set aside (Sarah dies)*
- *The Servant, Eliezer, another comforter sent to get a bride for the Son*
- *The Son is not seen again until the Bride is presented to Him*
- Gen 22:20 **3) A Parenthetical Thought** vs 20-24
Now it came about after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, "Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor:
- Gen 22:21 Uz his firstborn and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram
Gen 22:22 and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel."
Gen 22:23 Bethuel became the father of Rebekah; these eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.
- *Introduction getting us ready for the next event*
- Gen 22:24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah and Gaham and Tahash and Maacah.

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