

Genesis Part 3 – Lesson Six Commentary and Notes

- **Genesis 22-25 Application**

What can our Lord ask of us?

What are you holding on to with clinched hands ... afraid to let go of?

When you hear God's voice, do you immediately obey?

If God is God & you are in covenant with Him, can you trust Him to be God?

- **Genesis 22:1-2 Offer your only son as a burnt offering**

v2: The first time the word "love" is used in the Bible

God is painting a picture for the Old Testament patriarchs and saints of something that was yet to come. You have met God: The God who has created, and watched over, and judged, and been grieved in His heart because of the sons of men. Now for the very first time the word "love" is used in the Bible. It is used in connection with a father offering his only son on a mount. This is a picture of God and His Son. When God took His only Son—and offered Him as a sacrifice for us. Kay Arthur

A Burnt Offering is a voluntary sacrifice. It's an offering where there is a choice. It is not obligatory but voluntary and made in love. It is made out of worship. Kay Arthur

- **Genesis 22:3-5 Abraham's response to God's testing** (Psalm 30:5, 11-12; Romans 12:1; 1 Sam 15:22)

Worship means to look at someone's worth, someone's value, and live accordingly.

Above all else, our supreme act of worship is to offer ourselves wholly and continually to the Lord as a living sacrifice. John MacArthur

Worship OT:7812 *sha'chah*: A verb meaning to bow down, to prostrate oneself, to crouch, to fall down, to humbly beseech, to do reverence, to worship. It is used to indicate bowing down in worship to Yahweh. This act of worship is given to God because He deserves it. Complete Word Study Bible Old Testament

What we believe helps to determine how we behave. It is not enough for us to know doctrine. We must translate our learning into living and show by our daily lives that we trust God's Word. Warren Wiersbe

Our spiritual service of worship:

Offering our all to Him – highest form of worship

Serving Him

Sacrificing your life to & for Him

Giving up your life

Willingness to surrender to Him all our hopes, plan and everything that is precious to us, all that is humanly important to us, all that we find fulfilling. MacArthur

Genesis 22:5 We will return to you ... How could Abraham say such a thing? Hebrews 11:17-19

- **Genesis 22:6-8** “Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

v8: “God will provide for Himself the lamb” Two ways it is translated:

God will provide Himself as a sacrifice or

God Himself with provide the sacrifice.

But this I know: We will return because God is God. He is a covenant-keeping God and He is the one who passed through the pieces when He promised me a seed and I believe Him.” Kay Arthur

- **Genesis 22:9-12** “For now I know that you fear God”

The movie “The Bible”: It closes with this scene as Abraham takes up Isaac bound on the altar. Isaac looks at him and says, “Is there not anything that God cannot ask of us, father?” Abraham looks at him and says, “No, my son. There’s not anything.” Then you see Abraham raise the knife and you hear the voice of God from heaven to stop the knife in mid-air. The test has been passed. Kay Arthur

v12: Fear God: you are a fearer of Elohim – reverence, respect, trust = obedience

- **Genesis 22:13-14** **The Lord Will Provide – Jehovah Jireh** (Phil 4:19)

The Lord Will Provide – Jehovah Jireh: “Yahweh Sees” “see beforehand.”

God sees our need before it arises and makes provision for it.

v14: In the mount of the Lord it is provided. All that we need is provided in one place, in one act of obedience, in sacrifice when the Son of God said to the Father, “If it’s possible, take this cup from me, nevertheless not My will but Yours be done.” In one act of obedience and worship, He went to Calvary and hung there as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world and to provide you with everything that you will ever need so that you might enter into covenant with Him. It’s all there. What more can He do than what He has done? Why would you hold your hand clenched? Why would you not trust, obey and show Him reverence? Kay Arthur

- **What we can know when God tests us** (Ex 20:20; Deut 8:2, 16; 1 Peter 1:6-9; James 1:2-4)

Gen 22:1 Test: OT:5254 nāsāh: to test, to try, to prove. Often refers to God testing the faith and faithfulness of human beings, including Abraham. CWSB

Why God tests us:

So you would fear Him & not sin

To humble you

To know what is in your heart

To do good for you in the end

- **Genesis 23** **Sarah Dies** (Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16)

Abraham had his eyes on heaven. He looked not at things which are seen because they are temporal but at things which are not seen because they are eternal. Kay Arthur

- **Genesis 25 Abraham Dies** (John 15:13)

v1-4: Abraham took another wife and had 6 more sons by her.

v5: Gave all he had to Isaac – the son of promise

v6: Gave gifts to his family while he was still living

v7: Died at age 175 yrs – lived 38 years after the death of Sarah

Isaac was 75 when Abraham died

Ishmael was approx. 89 yrs when Abraham died

Satisfied: OT7649 šabēā': An adjective meaning full, satisfied, abounding. It indicates fullness of life in years and in satisfaction. CWSB Dictionary

Abraham's life of Faith:

believing in God's promises;

following after God;

growing in faith even though mistakes are made;

learning who God is;

depending on God's character; and

worshipping & calling on His name.

- **Application & Concluding thoughts** (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

What is your "Isaac"? The person, relationship or thing, hope, dream ... you dearly love and you would rather God not ask you to release to Him?

Are you afraid of what God might do or ask of you?

Are you willing to turn loose: take your hand off your life, your children, your spouse, your job, your future, your finances, your health ... whatever it is you are trying to control or keep and instead trust God with it?

God may take away what you lay on the altar or He may allow you to keep it.

As hard as it may be to imagine – the end result is not as important as the process

The means to the end is developing faith, obedience and trust in God

Knowing Him experientially by His NAMES

Elohim – Creator

YHWH – Yahweh – Jehovah: I Am everything and anything you'll ever need

El Elyon – God Most High - Sovereign God – Ruler over all

GOD IS IN CHARGE OF THE ALL THE UNIVERSE ALL THE TIME.

Adonai – Lord – Master

El Roi – The God Who sees me

El Shaddai – God Almighty – Omnipotent, All Sufficient

The Judge of all the earth

El Olam - Everlasting God

Jehovah Jireh – The God Who Sees and Provides

As Jehovah Jireh God can and will provide exactly what we need when we need it, for His timing is perfect. With God, His delay is not necessarily denial, but as with Abraham, is so ordained that it might bring about a deep "surgery" within our heart. May it be true of us that when we come through the Refiner's Fire like Abraham, that our Father will say "now my son or daughter, I know that you fear Me with a right, reverential fear." Precept

What do you really want more than anything? I just want You Lord (Psalm 27:4; Ps 73:25-26, 28)