The LORD Will Provide

Lesson 5: Genesis 22
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Review

• Creation
  • God’s power
  • Everything good

• Fall

• Flood
  • Judgment
  • Grace

• The Gospel given to Abraham
Salvific Outline of Genesis

• Seed of the woman
• Noah – grace in judgment
• Blessing to all nations will come through Abraham
• God will provide a lamb
• Joseph – salvation through suffering
• A ruler from Judah
Structure

• 22:1       Here I am
• 22:6       So the two of them walked on together
• 22:7       Here I am
• 22:8       So the two of them walked on together
• 22:11      Here I am
• 22:19      they arose and went together
Outline

• 22:1-8    The test
• 22:9-12   The first sacrifice and God’s response
• 22:13-18  The second sacrifice and God’s response
• 22:19-24  Epilogue
The test
Genesis 22:1-4

1Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2He 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.” 3So 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. 4On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

• Commands
  • Take Isaac
  • Go to the land of Moriah
  • Offer Isaac as a burnt offering
• Abraham knew this was God
• Prompt, careful obedience
The test
Genesis 22:5-8

5Abraham 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.”

6Abraham 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.

7Isaac 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?”

8Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.
The first sacrifice
Genesis 22:9-12

9Then 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. 10Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12He 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.”

• Abraham’s preparations
  • Built the altar
  • Arranged the wood
  • Bound Isaac
  • Put Isaac on the altar

• The test proved that Abraham feared God

• Fear of God is proved (tested) by our actions
The second sacrifice  
Genesis 22:13-14

13Then 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. 14Abraham 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.”

• God did provide a sacrifice  
• The ram was offered in place of Isaac  
• The Lord will provide for Himself a lamb
The second sacrifice
Genesis 22:15-18

15 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, 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, 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. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

• Two things God wanted Abraham to know
  1. Do not kill Isaac. God knows that Abraham fears Him
  2. God would bless Abraham
     • Descendants
     • Victory over enemies
     • Blessing to all the earth through his seed
19So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba. 20Now it came about after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, “Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: 21Uz his firstborn and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram 22and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel.” 23Bethuel became the father of Rebekah; these eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham’s brother. 24His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah and Gaham and Tahash and Maacah.

Epilogue
Genesis 22:19-24
• Abraham and Isaac return as Abraham said they would
• Nahor’s descendants
  • Through Milcah – Important because of Bethuel and Rebekah
  • Through Reumah
Use in the New Testament

• Hebrews 6:13-14
• Hebrews 11:17-19
• James 2:21-24
Summary

• First appearance of love
• First reference to a lamb
• First use of the fear of the Lord
• First oath given by God
• First mention of a human sacrifice