

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.

- Isaac
 - Wood
 - (Sacrifice)
- Abraham
 - Fire
 - Knife
- Isaac notices the sacrifice is missing

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

¹⁵Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your **son**, your only **son**, ¹⁷indeed 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. ¹⁸In 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

Epilogue

Genesis 22:19-24

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.

- 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