

STUDY NINETEEN

THE LORD PROVIDES

Genesis 22

Introduction

In this story God instructs Abraham to do a very surprising thing- sacrifice his son. The Lord did not actually want Abraham to kill his son. This is clear to us because of what it says about the Lord in other parts of Scripture. But Abraham did not have this knowledge. He did not know why the Lord would want him to sacrifice his only son, the son of the promise. But he knew the Lord enough to know that everything would work out right in the end.

Questions For Discussion

1.a) Why did God command Abraham to sacrifice Isaac (v.1)?

b) What is the purpose of the testing God gives us? (See Ex. 20:20 & Dt. 8:2)

c) What is the purpose of the testing the devil gives us? (See 1Cor. 7:5)

2. Read 2Chronicles 3:1.

a) What did the Jews build at the place called Moriah?

b) Why did they build it at that place?

3.a) What age do you think Isaac was in this story (vv.1 & 6)?

b) Was it easy for Abraham to tie Isaac onto the altar (v.9)?

c) Does that tell us anything about Isaac (vv.6 & 8)?

4.a) What was Abraham thinking as they climbed the hill (vv.5 & 8)? (See also Heb. 11:17-19)

b) What does this tell us about Abraham's faith?

c) In what situations might we need faith like that of Abraham?

d) How can we get such great faith?

5. Why would God want a sacrifice (see Heb. 9:22)?

6. Is the sacrifice of an animal enough to take away sin? (See Heb. 10:4)

7. In what ways is God the Father like Abraham?

8. In what ways is Isaac a shadow of Christ? (See Jn. 1:29, 3:16 & 1Jn. 4:9-10)

For Further Thought And Action

Meditate on the sacrifice that Christ made for you.

Memory Verse

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32