

Genesis 22

1 The whole chapter is filled with types and shadows of Christ. God is testing, trying or proving Abraham so that Abraham might place God above all else in his life. Sometimes we know a thing should be but do not make it so until a test is placed before us. When God calls our name we should submit ourselves as his servants to what ever He may say before we hear any more.

2 Philistines did this kind of thing, offering their children to Molech. These words are a picture of Christ to come: only son, whom you love, Moriah, Sacrifice. Just like when he left to Canaan - God did not give specific instruction but would provide the detail after his initial obedience. "I will tell you about" Moriah is where the Temple was built and where Jesus was crucified.

3 He does not hesitate to obey. I don't think he slept that night. He had to come to a decision before the sun rose. From this point forward Isaac was dead in his mind and heart for Abraham had determined that he would obey.

4 Abraham believed in his heart that God would keep his word and raise Isaac from the dead. In a sense Isaac was dead already during the three-day journey. Coming down from the mountain will be resurrection.

5 The faith of Hebrews 11:17-19 that God was able to raise the son of promise from the dead, "WE will come back to you."

6 Isaac like Jesus carried the wood of his sacrifice.

7 A question to be answered by John the Baptist when he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

8 What a prophetic answer. Is the Hebrew, "God will provide Himself the lamb"?

9 What a heart wrenching scene. God is allowing Abraham to let go of the thing dearest to him so that God can be first. The test is for Abraham's sake.

10,11 Jesus calls his name audibly. When the Father took his Son to Moriah, He did not stop Himself but let the knife come down, for you and me.

12 Abraham can let Isaac belong to God. We often grip something in this world so tightly we do not allow it or ourselves to belong to God. We will part with that person or thing eventually. God wants us to live with open hands, not clinging to anything, but trusting in Him. Can you see that God loves you because he has not withheld from you his Son, his only Son?

13,14 On Mt. Zion's hill of Calvary it was provided! Jehovah Jireh

15 –18 The Seed promised in Genesis 3 now through Isaac.

19 Where is Isaac? We don't see him again until he comes to meet his wife -
wow!

20-24 Rebekah is Isaac's uncle's granddaughter.