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Title: God Will Provide a Lamb

Text: Genesis 22

Closing: Prayer

Benediction: Gen 22:13; Ps 34:5; Rev12:11a

- I. Introduction
 - a. Retrospective empathy in stories
 - b. "The Princess Bride"
 - c. "A Little Princess"
- II. Abraham's Story
 - a. God comes to test Abraham
 - i. Kill your only son, whom you love, as a burnt offering
 - ii. God's constant call to Abraham. "Go!"
 - b. The story retrospectively
 - i. Abraham prepares for the sacrifice
 - ii. Abraham takes 2 servants and Isaac
 - iii. Abraham goes to the place of sacrifice
 - iv. Abraham leaves his servants behind and continues on with his beloved Isaac
 - v. Abraham puts the wood for the sacrifice on Isaac
 - vi. Abraham carries the fire and the knife
 - vii. Isaac asks for clarity
 - viii. Abraham answers "God will provide a lamb"
 - ix. Abraham builds the alter and arranges the wood and binds Isaac
 - x. Abraham raises the knife
 - c. The Anti-Climax
 - i. We know what happens next
 - ii. The Angel appears and stays Isaac's execution
 - iii. Abraham passes God's test
 - iv. Abraham looks over and sees a ram caught
 - v. Abraham sacrifices the Ram
- III. Our Retrospectives
 - a. Abraham's turmoil
 - b. God's test
 - c. Isaac's surrendered obedience
 - d. God's provision granted
- IV. Jesus' Retrospection
 - a. Time of Testing
 - i. "Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.""

Matt 26:18-19

“He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.”

ii. “God tested Abraham – ‘Go!’”

b. Preparing for the sacrifice

i. Matt 26:27-30

“Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

ii. “When he had cut enough wood”

1. took his servants and his son and set off for the place

c. Time of separation and agony

i. Matt 26:36-38

“Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.””

ii. “We will worship and then we will come back to you”

d. Fire and Knives and wood

i. John 18:2 - 3

“Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.”

ii. John 19:17

“Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha)”

iii. Matt 27:32 (Simon of Cyrene)

iv. Abraham put the wood on Isaac and he himself carried the fire and the knife

e. A Son’s question

i. Mark 14:36 (Mt. 26:39-40)

“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.””

- ii. "Are you sleeping?"
- iii. "Where is the lamb?"
- iv. "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?!"
- f. The Father's answer "God will Provide A Lamb"
 - i. Is 53:10

"Yet it was the LORD'S will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and [to] make his life a guilt offering,"
 - ii. 2 Cor 5:21
 - iii. Is 53:5 – 6

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

V. Applying the Word

- a. Behold the Lamb of God
 - i. The creator who for thousands of years watched as hundreds of thousands of sacrifices were made
 - ii. The King who stepped down from His throne to take our punishment
 - iii. The baby who lay in the manger, the Christ born to die so that I might live
 - iv. Behold the Lamb of God
- b. WHY?!? Why did God kill His son?
 - i. Because we could not atone for our own sins.
 - 1. Abrahams passed the test, but it wasn't enough
 - 2. Isaac obediently surrendered, but it wasn't enough
 - 3. The disciples were willing, but they were too weak
 - ii. There is only One Son who was
 - 1. Strong enough
 - 2. Obedient enough
 - 3. Whose sacrifice was sufficient
- c. The Promise
 - 1. Is 53:10 – 11

"Yet it was the LORD'S will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light [of life] and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,"
- d. Put your faith in Him today
 - i. Surrender to His authority
 - ii. Be cleansed by His blood
 - iii. Stand in His righteousness

Benediction

Now, just as Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns.

may you look to him and be radiant; may your faces never be covered with shame.

And just as God did not spare His own Son but freely gave Him up for us all

“may you overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of your testimony;”