

# God's Covenants

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”  
“Here I am,” he replied. <sup>2</sup> Then God said, “Take your son, your  
only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah.  
Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I  
will tell you about.”

<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey.  
He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he  
had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the  
place God had told him about.

<sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

<sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Genesis 22:1–18



# The Purpose of This Passage

# Some Time Later - A Test

Some time later God tested Abraham.

Genesis 22:1



# The Command “Get Up & Go!”

The Lord had said to Abram, “**Leave** your country...”

Genesis 12:1

Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and **go** ...” Genesis 22:2



The Test:  
Sacrifice the  
Promised Seed

# The Test

Some time later God **tested** Abraham. He said to him,  
“Abraham!”  
“Here I am,” he replied.

Genesis 22:1

# The Test: Sacrifice The Beloved Son

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Genesis 22:2



Abraham's  
Painful  
Obedience to  
God's Call

# Abraham's Prompt, Sustained Obedience

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

Genesis 22:3–4

# Abraham's Faith In God's Promise

He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. **We will worship and then we will come back to you.**"

Genesis 22:5

# Abraham's Faith In God's Promise

Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"  
"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

Genesis 22:7–8



# Abraham's Faith In God's Promise

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, <sup>18</sup> even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” <sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

Hebrews 11:17–19

“This example is proposed for our imitation. Whenever the Lord gives a command, many things are perpetually occurring to enfeeble our purpose: means fail, we are destitute of counsel, all avenues seem closed. In such straits, the only remedy against despondency is to leave the event to God, in order that he may open a way for us when there is none.”

John Calvin



The  
Conclusion:  
The LORD  
Will Provide

# The Conclusion of the Test

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Genesis 22:9–10

# The LORD Intervenes!

But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven,  
“Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Genesis 22:11–12

# The Key: The LORD Will Provide!

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

Genesis 22:13–14

# The Key: The LORD Will Provide!

Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” ... 14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

Genesis 22:8,14

# The Result: The Seed Is Saved And Blessed

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup> and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Genesis 22:15–18



Applying  
the Word



# Mount Moriah: The Temple

Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David.

2 Chronicles 3:1

# God Did Not Spare His Beloved Son

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

Applying  
the Word

