

The Lord Will Provide

Genesis 22

The Test

- God tests his Saints to prove the quality of their faith and obedience often through adversity or hardship. *Ex 20:20, Dt 8:2, 2 Cor 2:9, 8:8, 13:5, Jas 1:12-15*
- Satan **tempts** us to destroy us, but God **tests** us to strengthen us.

The Stakes

- Isaac was Abraham's special child. Isaac's death would mean the end of the line of promise. *Zec 12:10*
- God never intended for Abraham to carry out the sacrifice.

The Response

- Abraham arose early the next morning and set out showing prompt obedience.
- Abraham showed his faith by telling his servants that "they" would return. *Ro 4:16-25, Heb 11:17-19*
- A son who could carry sufficient wood for a sacrifice could certainly resist his father.
- Abraham's faith in God's word enabled him to see God's command in the light of the promises.
- The moment of great internal struggle by both Abraham and Isaac provides a poignant reminder of Christ's willing obedience to do his Father's will. *Jn 1:29,36, Rom 8:32, Php 2:6-8, 1Pe 2:21-24*

The Result

- God acknowledged Abraham's quality of faith expressed in deeds not words. *Jas 2:21-22*
- Provide means "to see to it"
- God swears an oath to himself which confirms that Abraham has remained faithful to God. *Heb 6:13-20*

The Lesson

- Just as the God of promise brought forth Isaac supernaturally in the same manner he brings each of us whom he saves from death to life. *Eph 2:5, Col 2:13, 1 Pet 1:21*
- We can rest in the hope of eternal life as we face testing and trials because of the promises of God and power of his Christ. *Rom 4:18, Rom 12:12, Eph 1:18, Tit 1:2*