

THE LORD PROVIDES Genesis 22:13-24

INTRODUCTION

In Genesis 22, we observe Abraham facing his most challenging test. He will be instructed to take his son Isaac and offer him as a burnt offering, slaying him as a sacrifice to God. But Abraham's faith in God has grown to a place where he can pass this test, accounting that God was able to raise Isaac up, even from the dead. This chapter holds many details that point to the good news of our gospel, as we consider how "The Lord Provides".

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Genesis 22 several times. In this study, we will observe ways Abraham's offering of Isaac points to our God giving His only Son as an offering for our sins, how **the Lord Provides**. Jesus told the Pharisees to search the Scriptures, that they spoke of Him. **Hebrews 10:7**. Old Testament books look forward, New Testament writings look backward – **to the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ**. There is a reason the most famous Bible verse is **John 3:16**. Now, from Genesis 22 we will consider **Nine Characteristics of the Gospel....**

Pray for wisdom and understanding, and let's begin.

1. Genesis 22:1-2. **Love** – first mention in the Bible, this describes love between a father and his son. First New Testament mentions of love in the gospel accounts are seen in **Matthew 3:17, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:23**. Check them out.
2. Genesis 22:3,6. **Wood** – points to the cross. The cross was an instrument of death, laid on the back of the condemned to carry to his place of death. In **John 19:17-18**, Jesus bore the cross to the "place of a Skull, Golgotha".
3. Genesis 22:1, 9. **Moriah** – location where sacrifice was to be offered. Chosen by God, this mount is seen throughout Biblical history as a place of sacrifice. **1 Chronicles 21:18, 2 Chronicles 3:1**. This is the place called Calvary, where Jesus was crucified. **Luke 22:33**
4. Genesis 22:3-5. **Two Men** – walking with Abraham & Isaac, these men were left behind as the place of sacrifice came into view. Like the two thieves, we can only go so far with Jesus in death. Only Jesus and His Father can complete this sacrifice. **Mark 15:33-34**.
5. Genesis 22:5. **Worship** – means to bow down in reverence, to sacrifice. Jesus' life modeled this, worshipping God "in Spirit and truth". **John 4:24, Mark 10:45, Hebrews 9:26b, Hebrews 10:5-10**.
6. Genesis 22:3, 6, 9-10. **Father's Involvement** – Abraham participated in the plan, and even built the altar of sacrifice. God the Father was intimately involved in Jesus' crucifixion. **Isaiah 53:10, John 3:16-17**.
7. Genesis 22:6-9. **Obedient Son** – As Isaac was willing to obey his father Abraham, Jesus submitted to His Father's plan. Jesus was obedient every step of the way, **Philippians 2:8**, walking in harmony with His Father's wishes. See John's gospel. **John 4:34, 5:19 & 30, 6:38, 8:28, 12:49, 14:10 & 24, 17:4, 19:30**.
8. Genesis 22:13. **The Ram** – Already prepared for sacrifice, the ram was seen at exactly the right time & location. As Jesus came to His own... **John 1:29**.
9. Genesis 22:5. **Come Back To You** – Isaac survives the ordeal and comes back with his father, alluding to Jesus' resurrection. Jesus promised to come back in three days. **John 2:19-22, Matthew 16:21**.

Ok – so why have we invested time in this study, developing this detail? All this may be nothing new. You already understand the gospel. Yet, gathering and reviewing information should not be the aim of any Bible study. The Holy Spirit wants us to chew and apply!

CONSIDER in light of the glorious gospel, meditate on these things:

- **God-Will-Provide!** Abraham names this place, and we rejoice over God's supreme act of love. This study reminds us, proves to us, that He provides everything we need for salvation. But the gospel message is for the saved too! Think about how much you have through His provision. **Romans 8:32, 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**.
- **Rags to Riches!** As a Christian, you are the ultimate rags to riches story. "He became sin, that we might become the righteousness of God." **Romans 2:4, Romans 10:12, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:27, Colossians 2:2-3, 2 Peter 1:2-4**.

PRAY

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