**GOD TESTS ABRAHAM**

**Genesis 22:1-19                                                                                 Lesson 16**

**Key Verse: 22:1212**“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.”

God has disciplined Abraham for the last 25 +13 years to make him a father of many nations, the ancestor of faith. Now God tested Abraham’s faith, which is his last test, to see if Abraham feared God and obeyed his word, loved God more than Isaac.

God also helped Abraham to meet *Jehovahjireh* with Isaac. God disciplines Isaac, too because he is the son of the covenant.

In this chapter we learn what ‘to live by faith’ mean.---all things came from the Lord and all things exist for the Lord.

**1. Look at 22:1-5. What did God ask Abraham to do? Why? (1 Pe 1:6-7, Jam 1:12-15) How did Abraham respond to God's command? Find some words which show Abraham’s attitude toward God’s command.**

**Abraham Tested**

**22**Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. **2**Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” **3**Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded 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. **5**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.”

**6**In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. **7**These have come so that the proven **genuineness of your faith—**of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

**12**Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. **13**When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; **14**but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **15**Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

1. Sometime later,---when Isaac grew up as teenage—when Abraham really loved Isaac, the one and only son,---when Abraham was well satisfied with Isaac.
2. God tested Abraham to make his faith pure and genuine like a pure gold. Sometimes God tests our faith through hardships or sufferings to make our faith genuine and strong---Job

The word ‘test’ is *na****sa*** (Hebrew) means test, prove, try, and tempt.

1. 1) Abraham was not hesitant or delay, but got up early next morning. 2)Abraham prepared enough cut wood. 3) Abraham let his servants stay in distance so that his obedience might not be disturbed by them. 4) Abraham didn’t tell Isaac his plan until he asked on the mountain.

**2. Look at v 6-8. As Abraham and Isaac climbed the mountain together, what did Isaac ask his father? How might this make Abraham’s obedience more difficult? How did Abraham answer? (8) What does this reveal about him?**

**6**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, **7**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?” **8**Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

1. When Isaac asked about the burnt offering, Abraham’s heart must have been broken, but he controlled his emotion to obey God’s command to the end.
2. Abraham answered, “God himself will provide.” Abraham didn’t answer, “it is you, my son.” But Abraham kept his mouth to the end to obey God’s command.
3. We learn Abraham’s genuine obedience and trust in God. Abraham loved God more than God’s gift, Isaac even though Isaac was the Covenant son.

**3. Look at v. 9-12. Why did Abraham stop from slaying his son? What did the angel of the Lord say to him (12)? What does it mean to “fear God”? (He 11:17-19)**

**9**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. **10**Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11**But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. **12**“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.”

**17**By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, **18**even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=He+11%3A17-19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30191a)] **19**Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

1. The angel of the Lord from heaven stopped Abraham’s slaying his son Isaac.
2. Abraham feared God. Abraham did not withhold from God even his only son Isaac. Abraham loved God more than Isaac. Isaac was the covenant son, and might become an idol for Abraham.
3. Sometimes God tests our faith to see if we love God more than God’s blessing. **God** is our great reward. He is **the source of our joy, meaning of life, and assurance of our future.** Amen.

**4. Look at v. 13-14. How did God provide the sheep for the sacrifice? (13) What did he call that place and why? (14) What lesson of faith did Abraham and Isaac learn through this event? (He 11:17-19)**

**13**Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-561a)] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his 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.”

1. The LORD Will Provide: *Jehovahjireh*  (여호와-이에**레**이)—
2. Heb 11:17-19 Abraham believed that God would raise Isaac back to life.

Abraham believed that God would provide

Isaac learned that God will provide in all situations and in all circumstances

**5. Look at v.15-19. How did God bless Abraham and his descendants? How did God train Abraham in faith? What do you learn in chapters 12-22 about the God of Abraham?**

**15**The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time **16**and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17**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, **18**and through your offspring[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-566b)] all nations on earth will be blessed,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-566c)] because you have obeyed me.” **19**Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

1. God reaffirmed the covenant with Abraham to bless him and his descendants
2. God trained Abraham until he met *Jehovahjireh*

Sometimes God disciplines us until we meet *Jehovahjireh* personally.

1. Our God, the God of Abraham, is very patient and wait until Abraham became a man of faith in *Jehovahjireh.*