

Jesus in Genesis Series

Week 6 notes

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Genesis 22:1-19

JESUS: OUR PROVISION

I. Why Does God Sometimes Choose to Test Us?

Many times we can misunderstand God's tests and they can seem:

- pointless
- indiscernible
- even seem cruel

A. Tests Reveal the Condition of our Hearts : Vs 1 *"Here I am"*

- From a Disposition to a Demonstration
 - tests push us from a disposition of believing we will surrender all; to an actual demonstration of total surrender

B. Tests Reveal the Congruency of our Faith: vs 3 *"early in the morning"*

- From the Anticipated to the Actual
 - Tests move us from an anticipated response of obedience to actual obedience

C. Tests Reveal the Core of our Confidence: vs 5 *"when we come back to you"*

- From our Ability to Faith in God
 - Tests remind us its not our fortitude that saves us but the object of our faith who saves us
- Abrahams confidence what he could will himself to do, but in what God would provide

GOD TESTS US FOR OUR SAKE, NOT HIS.

HE'S A GOOD FATHER WHO LOVES US AND WANTS THE BEST FOR US

II. What Does God's Provision Prove To Us About His Promises?

A. His Promises are Sufficient

- "where's the lamb dad? ... "God himself will provide"* vs 8

B. His Promises are Trustworthy

- "Abraham, Abraham"*: vs 11
- and when we choose to trust Him it positions us to allow God to provide

C. His Promises are Timely

- Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram"-vs 13*
- Often, we'd rather have God function as a "just in case" kind-of God. Instead he works more often as a "just in time" kind-of God

III. How does God's Provision Point us to Jesus?

Without the lens of the Gospel: this story is only about obedience- but for Abraham Mount Moriah didn't become a monument to his extraordinary obedience- it would serve for generations to come as a monument to God's provision

A. God and Mount Moriah

- About a thousand years later at this very location, King David built an altar to the Lord there so that a "plague may be held back from the people"
- David's son, King Solomon built a glorious temple on the same site
- The temple was rebuilt on the same site by Jews returning to Jerusalem following their Babylon captivity
- King Herod made a significant addition to this structure, which then became known as Herod's Temple.
- That temple was the very same one Jesus would walk into and cleanse
- Standing in that very temple, Jesus also proclaimed to the Pharisees "destroy this temple and I will rebuild it in 3 days" but he wasn't speaking of bricks and mortar any longer

B. The True Father and Son

The command given to Abraham was intended to foreshadow what he himself would do centuries later as a final answer to Isaac's question all those years before "*where is the lamb of God?*"

Isaac:

- Abraham's begotten son, greatly loved
- fully submitted to Abraham's will
- faithfully travelled to the mountain God showed them
- willingly laid down on the altar
- was spared by a sacrificial lamb
- stayed away three days

Jesus:

- God's only begotten son, greatly loved by the Heavenly Father
- fully submitted to His Father's will
- faithfully travelled to the mountain God called him to
- willingly laid down His life without a fight
- was the sacrificial lamb, whose blood was poured out for the remission of sin
- stayed in the tomb three days

Jesus is why **Gal 4:28 proclaims...**

"Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise."