

ABRAHAM'S FAITH IS TESTED

Introduction: When God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering; he proceeded to do it until God stopped him. When Sarah died, he buried her in the land of Canaan that God promised to give him and his seed. When God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham through Isaac and his seed, Abraham made careful preparations to provide Isaac a wife that had a reverent fear of God.

Lesson Aim: Prove your faith in God by hearing and obeying His Word.

Bible Verse: "Be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (Jam 1:22).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. The Test of Abraham's Faith — 22:1-24****A. God's Command — 22:1- 2**

1. How did God test Abraham's love for Him? 22:2

B. Abraham's Obedience — 22:3-12

2. How long did Abraham plead with God to change His command? 22:3

3. What did Abraham tell the two young men with him and Isaac that showed his faith in God? 22:5

4. What did Isaac notice was missing in their worship of God? 22:7

5. How did the answer that Abraham gave Isaac show his faith in God? 22:8; Heb 11:17-19

6. What did Abraham do to his son? 22:9

7. What does God want you to lay on the altar to prove your love to Him?

8. When did God stop Abraham from offering his son as a burnt offering? 22:10-12

9. Why did God stop Abraham from offering his son to Him? 22:12

C. God's Provision — 22:13-24

10. What did God provide Abraham as a proper burnt offering? 22:13

11. What would God provide Abraham for not withholding his son from Him? 22:17

12. What would God provide the nations because Abraham obeyed God? 22:18

13. What news did God allow Abraham to hear that would affect Isaac's future? 22:20-23

II. The Burial of Abraham's Wife — 23:1-20

14. How did Abraham's purchase of land in Canaan as a burial place for Sarah show his faith in God's promise? 23:15-18; 13:14-15; 15:18

III. The Marriage of Abraham's Son — 24:1-67

15. Underline the things that Abraham demanded of his servant in his vow. 24:2-9

He should not take a wife of the Egyptians for Isaac.

He should go to the family of Abraham's brother in Mesopotamia and find a wife for Isaac.

If the woman's family would not let her go, he could offer them a rich dowry to change their minds.

If the woman was unwilling to go to Isaac, he could bring Isaac to her.

If the woman wouldn't follow Abraham's servant to marry Isaac, he would be freed from his vow.

16. Why did Abraham's servant go to the well outside of the city where Abraham's family lived? 24:11

17. What did the servant pray so he could know God's choice of a wife for Isaac? 24:12-14

18. How soon did God answer his prayer? 24:15

19. What did the servant observe in Rebekah? 24:16-22

20. Why did the servant worship the Lord? 24:23-27

21. How did the family and Rebekah react to the servant's proposal? 24:33-61

22. How did Isaac prepare himself for the return of Abraham's servant? 24:63