

Abraham: The Altar of Faith - Part 2

Gen 22:1-14 Week 6

Gen 22:1 AFTER THESE events, God tested and proved Abraham and said to him, Abraham! And he said, Here I am.²[God] said, Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I will tell you. 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and then began the trip to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 And Abraham said to his servants, Settle down and stay here with the donkey, and I and the young man will go yonder and worship and come again to you. 6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on [the shoulders of] Isaac his son, and he took the fire (the firepot) in his own hand, and a knife; and the two of them went on together. 7 And Isaac said to Abraham, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. [Isaac] said, See, here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt sacrifice? 8 Abraham said, My son, God Himself will provide a lamb for the burnt offering. So the two went on together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there; then he laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar on the wood. [Matt 10:37.] 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand and took hold of the knife to slay his son. [Heb 11:17-19.] 11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham! He answered, Here I am. 12 And He said, Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear and revere God, since you have not held back from Me or begrudged giving Me your son, your only son. 13 Then Abraham looked up and glanced around, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering and an ascending sacrifice instead of his son! 14 So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide. And it is said to this day, On the mount of the Lord it will be provided. AMP

- Scripture tells us that God did test Abraham. The test is designed to _____ Abraham's faith. Why?
(How do I know if it's God or Satan? Satan _____. God tests.)
- Now it's time for the final exam, the final _____ of all that Abraham had, and all that Abraham was.
"Today the church crowd has enough faith to get them out of _____ but not enough to get them through_____." Manley Beasley

What is your "Isaac"?

Five things you need to see about your Isaac:

1. It keeps you from the _____ of God.
Abraham put his _____ in the promises of God.

Heb 6:12 (AMP) In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.

Heb 6:15 And so it was that he [Abraham], having waited long and endured patiently, realized and obtained [in the birth of Isaac as a pledge of what was to come] what God had promised him.

2. It will keep you from proper _____ of God.

3. It will keep you from the _____ of God.

Is 57:15 God dwells in the high and lofty place and with the broken and contrite in heart.

4. It will keep you from the _____ of God.

5. It will keep you from the _____ of God.

Brokenness: An awareness that you long to be something you're not; knowing you cannot do or be what you need to do or be without Divine help.