

God Will Provide the Lamb – Part 2

Introduction and Review

- God tested Abraham with specific demands for his highest devotion of love as an act of worship (Gen. 22:1-2).
- God tested Abraham with a journey to a specific place for an act of worship (Gen. 22:3-4).
- Believers are responsible for the practical aspects & needs for worship (Gen. 22:5-6).
- God provides the central & essential needs for worship (Gen. 22:7-8). *God is the source of everything good; He gives both the instructions & the lamb for worship.*

I. The Initial Act of Worship (Gen. 22:9-12)

A. The sacrifice of Isaac (v. 9-10)

This “place” was holy & special only because God made it to be so (v. 9a). This act of worship required final preparation at “the place” of worship (v. 9b). This act of worship required absolute surrender to the will of God withholding nothing or no one (v. 10).

B. God’s response (v. 11-12)

*From heaven, God clearly knows the heart & sees every action of a believer (Ps. 139:1ff). From heaven, God speaks clearly & personally to the believer (v. 11). From heaven, God reveals His will & purpose for this test – “now I know” (v. 12). *Godly faith is always validated with godly actions – sacrificial giving time, money, skills, talents, possessions, etc. (Jas. 2:17, 22; Mt. 7:21). God affirms & encourages us when we obey Him in faith.**

Unconditional obedience from the believer is essential to better understand God’s will & purposes in life.

II. The Final Act of Worship (Gen. 22:13-19)

A. The sacrifice of the ram (v. 13-14)

God reveals His provisions for worship as the believer obeys Him in worship (v. 13a). God expects the believer to use the provisions given for worship in the act of worship (v. 13b). God alone is the provider of everything good & He alone is worthy of worship (v. 14; Jas. 1:17; Rev. 4:11).

B. God’s response (v. 15-18)

God continues to reveal His faithfulness as the believer obeys in faith without doubting – “because you have done this...I will surely bless you” (v. 15-18). Obedience is essential for God’s future blessing – “because you obeyed my voice” (v. 18b). God’s faithfulness & encouragement motivates the believer to continue living by faith (v. 19).

God rewards sacrificial acts of worship with encouragement to live by faith.

APPL: This loving relationship between father Abraham & his only son is to reflect the loving relationship between our heavenly Father & His only Son. Abraham was willing to give up his only son to death just as our heavenly Father gave His only Son (Jn. 3:16)! And just as the ram died instead of Isaac, so did Jesus die instead of sinners (Jn. 10:11).