

Abraham's 'Sacrifice' of Isaac

Study 11: Genesis 22:1-19

1. What is a "covenant"? What is the specific covenant promises did God make with Abraham in **Genesis 15:1-21** and **Genesis 17:1-8**?
2. Why do you think that the LORD "tested" Abraham? Why do you think that the LORD tested Abraham in this specific manner? What was God's purpose in it?
3. What specifically did God instruct Abraham to do with his son, Isaac? How do you think Abraham felt emotionally during this 'test'?
4. How did Abraham respond to God's call? List everything that Abraham did in response to God's call? What does God "provide" in order to spare Isaac the sacrifice? Why do you think that God did this? What, if anything, is the message to you in this provision from God?
5. Why do you think Abraham was able to respond in the manner he did? In other words, what enabled Abraham to follow through on this very testy assignment? What reasons does the New Testament give for why Abraham was able to follow thru? Suggested Reading: *John 8:56-58, Romans 4:1-24, Galatians 3:15-29, Hebrews 11:17-19*
6. What, if anything, is the message to you in Abraham's obedience and God's faithfulness? Could you ever respond in a similar manner to Abraham if called by God? Why or why not?
7. Define the word "faith." What are the characteristics or byproducts of true faith? In other words, what does true faith do, or what does it look like? Suggested Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-3*
8. In verse 18, the LORD says to Abraham, "and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." What does the LORD mean by this statement? Who specifically is this "offspring"? How does God's promise here compare to God's promise to Abraham in **Genesis 12:3**?