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The Lord Will Provide

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Genesis 22:1-14

Introduction: The concept of sacrifice is NOT unique to biblical religion. Some form of sacrifice is a part of virtually ALL religions, both past and present. **Sacrifices** may involve the **offering** of **animals** or **grain**. Pilgrimages to sacred sites or other works may be seen as forms of sacrifice. **Human sacrifice** has also been practiced and was even adopted by some in ancient Israel (2 Kings 16:3; 21:6; 23:10); the **Mosaic law**, however, sternly **forbade it** (Deut. 18:10). Christians are also called upon to make spiritual sacrifices (Rom. 12:1; Heb. 13:15-16). But Christianity is unique in that God has made **ONE final sacrifice** on our behalf..

Hebrews 10:9-10 ...then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are **sanctified (consecrate, make holy)** through the **offering** of the body of Jesus Christ **ONCE for all**.

Interestingly, theologians, both ancient and modern, have often viewed the **offering of Isaac** as a type (SYMBOL) of the **sacrifice of Christ (Messiah)**.
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Genesis 22:1, And it came to pass after these things, that **God did TEMPT Abraham**, and said unto him, **Abraham:** and he said, Behold, here I am.

Tempt defined 5254, to test; by impli., to attempt:--assay, PROVE, TEMPT, try.
Tempt, In Scripture, to try (PROVE by experiment); to **PROVE**; to put to trial for proof.
Prove, to try or to ascertain (find out for a certainty) by an experiment (experience), or by a test or standard; to test; as, to **prove** the strength of gunpowder or of ordnance.

Thought 1. In order to further make PLAIN the correct meaning our Father intended, we'll look at what the scriptures plainly say about **being "tempted."**

James 1:13-15, Let no man say when he is **tempted (test)**, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither **tempteth he any man: BUT** every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own **lust (desire)**, and **enticed**. Then when LUST hath **conceived**, it bringeth forth **sin**; and SIN, when it is **finished**, bringeth forth **DEATH**.

Thought 2. So, God does **NOT TEST** us with **evil**, drawing us **into sin**, which brings forth death. Satan was behind Adam being tempted, who sinned; then, he and Eve **DIED**, as well as the human race. This truth makes it plain that Satan is playing "for keeps!" Therefore, when he tempts us, like he did Jesus, it's MORE than **"Just a TEST!"**

Abraham's JOY was he understood and **KNEW Yahweh**, his God, and his voice from years and years of experience, hearing him, being taught by him, and fellowshipping with him.

Jeremiah 9:23-24, Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that **glorieth** glory in this, that he **understandeth** and **knoweth** me, that I am the **Lord (the self-Existent; JEHOVAH [Yahweh])** which **exercise** lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I **delight**, saith the Lord.

Genesis 22:2, And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son **Isaac**, whom thou **lovest**, and get thee into the land of **Mori'ah**; and **OFFER him** there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Thought 1. By FAITH, Abraham, could OBEY him because he had "fear **(REVERENCE)**" for the Lord (Yahweh) and had learned to reverence him ALWAYS! These are the basics (first principles) to living by faith IN him. And if we'll learn them and/ or remind ourselves of them, when something happens, we'll always have God's peace and joy.

Proverbs 14:26, In the **fear (reverence)** of the Lord is strong confidence (FAITH)...

Proverbs 28:14, **Happy** is the man that **feareth** **ALWAY**...

Isaiah 26:3-4, Thou wilt **KEEP him** in perfect **peace**, whose **MIND** is **stayed** on THEE: because he **trusteth** in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah IS everlasting **strength**...

Thought 2. Now, let's examine what Abraham KNEW about our Father that we should also know as his children. **(1)** He knew Yahweh was the Creator, the Highest in Authority. This, and reverence, gave him the same MIND Jesus had when he went to the cross. (Phil. 2:5-10) **(2)** He knew he was a **rewarder** of them that diligently seek him. (Heb. 11:6) This means the things God promised or made Covenant saying what he would DO, he will indeed DO! He will NOT break his covenant nor change what he's said! And it's impossible for him to lie!

Psalms 89:34, My **covenant** will I **NOT break**, nor **alter (change)** the thing that is gone out of my lips.

Numbers 23:19, God is NOT a man, that he should **lie**; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he **said**, and shall he **NOT DO** it? or hath he **spoken**, and shall he **NOT** make it good?

And **(3)** Abraham also knew **NOTHING** was "**too HARD for the Lord!**" Just a year before Isaac was born, the Lord had asked this question of Sarah in his presence.

Genesis 18:9-15, And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy **wife** shall **have a son**. And Sarah **HEARD it** in the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were **old** and well stricken in age; and it **ceased** to be with Sarah after the **manner** of women. Therefore Sarah **laughed** within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? **Is any thing TOO HARD for the Lord?**

At the time appointed I WILL return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. Then Sarah **denied**, saying, I laughed **not**; for she was **afraid**. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

Thought 3. Okay now, back to Abraham. Upon hearing God's command, his reverence,

FAITH in God, and his promise, caused him to reason correctly! He knew he had to kill Isaac, burn his body as an offering, and that God (Yahweh) **HAD to KEEP his word** about Isaac having children, which meant, he **WOULD RAISE UP** Isaac from the dead! Since he looked to that conclusion, he was NOT in anguish as some Christians believe! Long before Isaac was born, he'd learned WHERE to LOOK, and at WHAT he should LOOK! So, during his reasoning, Abraham **RECEIVED Isaac** RAISED from the DEAD!

Romans 4:19-21, And being **NOT weak** in faith, he **considered NOT** (behold [look at]) his own body now DEAD, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the DEADNESS of Sara's womb: He staggered **NOT** at the PROMISE of God through **unbelief**; but was **strong** in **FAITH**, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was **ABLE** also to **perform**.

Hebrews 11:17-19, By **faith** Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: **accounting (conclude, reason)** that God was **able** to **raise him up**, even from the **DEAD**; from whence also **he received** him in a figure.

Thought 4. Another consideration is Abraham told Sarah what God had commanded him to do! They talked to each other as a husband and wife living by FAITH in Yahweh should do. As you'll see, he was gone quite a few days on this trip. And, you know she would NOT have wondered if raising Isaac from the dead was "too HARD" for the Lord (Yahweh).

Genesis 22:3-5, And Abraham rose up **EARLY** in the **morning**, and saddled his ass, and took **TWO** of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the **burnt offering**, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Then on the **third day** Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and **I and the lad will go yonder and worship**, and **come AGAIN** to you.

Thought 1. The faith Abraham had is obvious by his actions: works. His words to the young men was more proof of his FAITH. If we **believe** God, we can't help but **speak** accordingly!

2 Corinthians 4:13, We having the same **spirit** of **FAITH**, according as it is written, **I BELIEVED, and therefore have I spoken**; we also **BELIEVE**, and therefore speak....

Genesis 22:6, And Abraham took the **wood** of the burnt offering, and **laid it** upon **Isaac** his son; and he took the **fire** in his hand, and a **knife**; and they went **BOTH** of them together.

NOTE: - upon **Isaac his son**: who was a grown **man**, and able to carry it: in this also he was a type (symbol) of Christ, on whom the **wood** of his **cross** was laid, and which he bore when he went to be **crucified**, (John 19:17)...

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/genesis-22.html>)

Genesis 22:7-8, And **Isaac** spake unto **Abraham** his **father**, and said, *My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but **where** is the **lamb** for a burnt offering?* And Abraham said, *My son, **God WILL PROVIDE** himself **a LAMB** for a burnt offering: so they went BOTH of them together.*

Will Provide defined 7200, ra'ah pronounced raw-aw' a primitive root; to **SEE**, literally or figuratively (in numerous applications, direct and implied, transitive, intransitive and causative):--advise self, appear, approve, behold, **X** certainly, consider, discern, (make to) enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed, **X** indeed, **X** joyfully, lo, **LOOK (ON)**, one another, one on another, one upon another, out, up, upon), mark, meet, **X** be near, perceive, present, **PROVIDE**, regard, (have) respect, (fore-, cause to, let) see(-r, -m, one another), shew (self), **X** sight of others, (e-)spy, stare, **X** surely, **X** think, view, visions.

Thought 1. Now, I know MOST Christians choose “PROVIDE” as the correct definition, thinking “WILL PROVIDE.” But, when we read this verse and the next verse, where he binds Isaac and lays him on the altar, “WILL provide” does NOT agree with the CONTEXT.

However, IF we accept “SEE” and “LOOK ON”, as correct definitions, we understand that Abraham **explained to Isaac** that Yahweh, WAS “SEEING him, LOOKING on HIM, and PROVIDED him” for himself, as a LAMB to be a burnt offering! We also have to KNOW that Isaac KNEW the circumstances surrounding his “miracle birth” and the PROMISE of him having children, etc.. So, just as Abraham had accounted/received him raised from the DEAD by Yahweh to KEEP his promise, now, Isaac also looked to BEING raised from the dead, and having children, according to God’s PROMISE!

They BOTH knew they would go back HOME with the TWO men that had made the trip with them! It was just a matter of carrying out Yahweh’s command, and watch him WORK another miracle to KEEP his word!

So, Isaac was ready to lay down his LIFE because of reverence for his God, and his father, just **like Jesus (Yahshua) Christ (Messiah)** would do! Also, like Jesus would do, Isaac LOOKED to the JOY of being RAISED from the DEAD, all the while, despising (thinking against) the death that he would experience. (Heb. 12:2)

Genesis 22:9-10, *And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an ALTAR there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.*

NOTE: and bound Isaac his son: with his hands and feet behind him, as Jarchi says; not lest he should flee from him, and make his escape, as Aben Ezra suggests, but as it was the usual manner to bind sacrifices when offered; and especially this was so ordered, that Isaac might be a type (SYMBOL) of the Messiah, who was **bound by the Jews**, (John 18:12) (Matthew 27:2); as well as he was bound and fastened to the cross: (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/genesis-22.html>)

NOTE: Josephus supposes that Isaac was now **twenty-five**, (see the chronology on Genesis 22:1; some rabbins that he was thirty-six; but it is more probable that he was now about **thirty-three**, the age at which his great Antitype (figure corresponding to another figure) was offered up... (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/acc/genesis-22.html>)

Genesis 22:11-12, *And the angel of the LORD (Yahweh) called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know (ascertain [make certain] by SEEING) that thou FEAREST God, SEEING thou hast NOT withheld thy son, thine ONLY son, from me.*

Thought 1. Abraham’s reverence was made CERTAIN by SEEING it in action.

Genesis 22:13, *And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.*

Thought 1. Horns symbolize strength. Jesus’ strength was his reverence for his Father, which produced the humility necessary to OBEY his Father, even unto death. (Phil. 2:8)

Genesis 22:14, *And Abraham called the name of that place JEHOVAHJIREH: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it SHALL be SEEN.*

Jehovahjireh defined 3070, Yhovah yireh yeh-ho-vaw' yir-eh' from 3068 and 7200; Jehovah (Yahweh) WILL SEE (to it). Jehovah-Jireh, a symbolical name for Mount Moriah:--Jehovah- jireh.

(Septuagint) **Genesis 22:14**, And Abraam called the name of that place, **The Lord hath SEEN;** that they might say to-day, In the mount **the Lord WAS SEEN.**