

"THE SACRIFICE OF ISAAC"

GENESIS 22:1-14

I. GOD TESTS THE FAITHFULNESS OF BELIEVERS BY ASKING THEM TO SURRENDER TO HIM THE BEST THEY HAVE (22:1-2)

- A. The Theology Of God's Testings (22:1)
 - 1. Its Nature
 - 2. Its Possible Methodologies
 - a. Explicit Scriptural Statements
 - b. Applications Implicit In Broader Principles
 - c. Applications Relative To A Given Situation
 - d. Suggestions That Emerge From Narratives
- B. The Incredible Request God Made Of Abraham (22:2)
 - 1. He Asked For That Which Was Irreplaceable: *Thine Only Son*
 - 2. He Asked For The Love Of Abraham's Life: *Whom Thou Lovest*
 - 3. He Asked For Something That Seemed To Contradict The Promise: *Isaac*

II. Faithful Believers Are Willing To Surrender The Best They Have To God Because They Trust That The Lord Will Provide (22:3-10)

- A. It Is Fascinating To Note What Is Not Recorded
 - 1. Abraham's Emotion
 - 2. Abraham's Thoughts
- B. It Is Fascinating To Note What Is Recorded
 - 1. The Timing Of The Event: *Early In The Morning* (22:3a)
 - 2. The Preparations For The Event (22:3b)
 - 3. The Mysterious Trip On The Way To The Event (22:4)
 - 4. The Conversations Which Transpired Prior To The Event
 - a. Abraham & Servants (22:5)

b. Abraham & Isaac (22:7-8)

III. FAITHFUL BELIEVERS RECEIVE GOD'S PROVISION FOR WORSHIP (22:11-14)

- A. Often In The Last Possible Moment (22:11-12)
- B. Often In A Substitutionary Manner (22:13)
- C. Often In The Place Of God's Choosing (22:14)