

“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)**