

7—The Lord Will See

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INTRO:

Genesis 22:1-15

1 And it happened after these things, that **God** tested Abraham, *and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."* And he said, "Take now your son, *your only son, whom you love*, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will show to you."

→ 3 So Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son. Then he split the wood for the offering, and rose up and went to the place which **God** had told him.

→ 4 *On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.* Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there and worship, *and then we will come back to you.*" Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire *and the knife, and they both went on together.*

→ 7 *Then Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, "My father?" He said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will see to the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."* And they both went on together.

→ 9 So they came to the place which **God** had told him. And Abraham built the altar there, and arranged the wood, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him upon the altar, on top of the wood. *Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.* (Aqedah) binding

→ 10 *But the Angel of **Yahweh** called to him from the heavens and said, "Abraham! Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not stretch out your hand upon the boy, and do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear **God**, and have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."*

→ 13 *Then Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, a ram was behind him, caught in a thicket by his horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up as a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the place there "Yahweh-Yir'eh", for which it is said to this day, "On the mountain, Yahweh will see to it."*

II. THE THREE LAYERS OF NARRATIVE PROPHECY

- A. Northern—God tests the obedience of Abraham
- B. Southern—Yahweh provides as sacrificial lamb
- C. Priestly—The children of Israel will inherit the land

III. WE ARE NOT ABRAHAM—WE ARE ISAAC

BODY:

I. He Sees Our Burden

*Abraham seeing the place on the third day
Placing the wood on Isaac's shoulders*

A. Until things are made right we carry an unbearable burden.

1) **Isaiah 53:5**

*But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

2) **THE WEIGHT OF GUILT DURING THE EXILE**

Blaming ourselves to try to find control

3) **STEPS 8 AND 9—MAKING AMENDS**

B. The weight of our sin is more than we can atone for.

1) **John 19:17-18**

*Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull
(which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified
him.*

2) **MT. MORIAH—"B'har Yahweh Yir'eh"**

- a) The place where the sacrifices took place
- b) The place where Solomon's Temple was burned
- c) The place where Jesus laid down his life

II. He Sees Our Bondage

Emphasizing Isaac is his one and only son

Binding Isaac and placing him upon the altar

A. Sometimes religion itself can keep us held in bondage.

1) **Ezekiel 4:7-8**

Turn your face toward the siege of Jerusalem and with bared arm prophesy against her. I will tie you up with ropes so that you cannot turn from one side to the other until you have finished the days of your siege.

2) **"THE BINDING OF ISAAC" VIDEO GAME**

- a) Edmund McMillan growing up in a Christian home
- b) Saw abuse, and addiction, and condemnation
- c) Expelling his religious guilt and mental anguish

B. There is a sacrifice so complete it leaves not guilt in its wake.

1) **Exodus 29:18**

Then burn the entire ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the Lord, a pleasing aroma, a food offering presented to the Lord.

2) Heb 'olah, the "whole" burnt offering

- a) An offering where the animal is completely burnt
- b) Israel's sins had been paid for by their forefathers
- c) Greek LXX (*holokaútoma*) "holocaust" since 1960's

III. He Sees Our Substitute

Isaac was the promise of a hope and future

God himself will see to the lamb

A. We were bound for destruction, but God had different plans.

1) **Romans 5:8**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2) **ARMAGEDDON**

B. All we need is the eyes to see what Christ has done.

1) **2 Corinthians 5:21**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2) **LEARNING TO ACCEPT FORGIVENESS**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 68:19-20

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,
who daily bears our burdens.

Our God is a God who saves;
from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.

Hebrews 11:17-19

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 19 Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

John 8:35-36

"Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."