



Abraham's Faith Journey:

Short Series Summary:

By Faith; Abraham:

- Led by the Lord; Loyally Left the Land he Loved. (Gen 12)***
- Settled on Strange soil with Supplies, Servants, Sunscreen & Sarai.***
- Allotted a Lot of Lovely Land to Lot (Gen 13)***
- Liberated Lot from Lawless Legions. (Gen 14)***
- Patiently Persevered (35 Years), Persuaded by the Promise of Paternity. (Gen 15)***
- Socially Served Strangers, Supplication for Sodom. (Gen 18-19)***



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Hebrews 11:8-12

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith Abraham, even though he was past age-and Sarah herself was barren-was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

The Promise Fulfilled:



Gen 21: Isaac is Born when Abraham is 100 years old!

Abraham's Faith is Fulfilled and he enjoys 25 years of Peace & Blessing with his Son. BUT THEN...

Gen 22



Mount Moriah: a TEST & a TYPE

3 Questions:

1. **ORIGIN:** Who tested Abraham's Faith?
2. **OBJECTIVE?** Why did God test Abraham's Faith?
3. **OUTCOME?** What was the result? What do we learn about Abraham's Faith?

The Test:

WHO Tested Abraham?

Possibilities:

1. Society: Canaanite culture?
2. The Devil?
3. God?



The Test:

WHY did God test Him?

James 1:2-5

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith **develops perseverance**. Perseverance must finish its work **so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.***



The Test:

WHY did God test Him?

James 2:14-19

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? ... Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

20 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.

The Test:

WHAT was the outcome?

Firstly:

This act was a Prophetic Demonstration of God's intention to offer His own son as the final sacrifice:

Abraham's actions opened the way for God to provide the ultimate Lamb; On the very same Mountain; over 1800 years later.



The Test:

WHAT was the outcome?

Secondly: Abraham proved that his Faith was Greater than:

- *His most Cherished Affection & Possession*
- *His Personal Ambitions*
- *Intellectual Rationalization*



A TYPE of Christ:

Abraham offered his only son (Gen. 22:2, 12).

God offered his only Son (John 3:16).

Isaac carried the wood for the sacrifice (Gen. 22:5).

Jesus carried the cross for the sacrifice (John 19:17).

Isaac escaped death after 3 days (Gen 22:4; Heb 11:18).

Jesus rose from the dead on the third day (Mtt. 16:21)

Abraham indicated God will provide a lamb for the sacrifice (Gen. 22:8).

God provided Jesus as The Lamb for the sacrifice (Isa. 53:7; John 1:29, 36)

God provided a ram, *male* sheep, as a substitutionary sacrifice (Gen. 22:13).

God provided a male, Jesus, as a substitutionary sacrifice.

A TYPE of Christ:

The ram was caught by its horns (head) in a thicket (thorns) (Gen. 22:13)

Jesus wore a crown of thorns on his head (Mtt. 27:29)

Sacrifice offered at specific location on Mount Moriah (Gen. 22:2, 9).

Temple Sacrifices offered on the same spot. When Jesus is crucified there, the temple veil is torn.

The ram was God's provision (Gen. 22:13-14). Abraham prophetically named it: Jehovah Jireh

On that mountain God made the ultimate provision: the sacrifice of His Son for sin



