

God Tests Abraham and Reveals His Plan.

This week we learn how God Tests Abraham’s Faith and shows His love in Promising a Saviour.

*“For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish, but have eternal life.”*
John 3v16

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 21v1-8, 2 Chronicles 3v1 (Isaac born as promised)	
Monday	Genesis 22v1-18 (God tests Abraham and he obeys)	
Tuesday	Hebrews 11v1-19 (God blessed Abraham for his faithfulness)	
Wednesday	John 1v1-18 (Grace and Truth cometh by Jesus Christ)	
Thursday	John 1v19-37 (John said, “Behold the Lamb of God”)	
Friday	Matthew 3 (“This is My Beloved Son, hear ye Him”)	
Saturday	John 3v16-36 (The love of God in sending a Saviour)	

Important Lesson for us today: God does not promise a Christian a comfortable, and easy life. Alongside the joy and peace of believing, knowing sins forgiven, and the promise of eternal life, Christians will face many difficulties, and trials in life which will test their faith; sometimes to the extreme. Why does God allow this? Sometimes a sin may need to be dealt with so the Lord, in great love, must discipline His child.

A Christian will be fully aware if this is the case, and their repentance, and obedience will bring back God’s favour. Most often though, God is reducing a Christian’s love for this world, and making them look toward Heaven - building up their faith in utter dependence on Him alone; that He will provide and overrule, even in the most awful situations. He makes His word, worship, witness, and work the most important things in a Christian’s life. So, always trust God – remembering that His will for our lives is always and ultimately in our best interest, and to His eternal glory. God always gives a way of escape from temptation. **Read 1 Corinthians 10v13.**

Hymn 243 – Salvation, forgiveness of sin comes by looking in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ’s death.

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| <p>1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.</p> <p>3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingling down;
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p> | <p>2. Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.</p> <p>4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.</p> |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

God Tells Abraham to Sacrifice His Promised Son Isaac.

- **God Tests Abraham’s Faith - Showing that He Keeps all His Promises.**
 - God keeps His promise to Abraham and Sarah – a son born in their old age. All human possibility of their having a son was gone, yet God kept His promise.
 - Isaac was to be the father of a great nation, and The Lord Jesus - yet to come.
- **God Tests Abraham’s Faith and His Trust to the Uttermost.**
 - Without Isaac God’s promises would be broken - no great nation, no promised land, no descendant by Whom the world would be blessed.
 - Abraham had trusted the Lord now for over 45 years. Knowing that all the Lord’s promises are perfect - he completely trusted Him, even at this time.
 - Abraham believed that God would raise Isaac up again, believing that all God’s promises would be kept. (See Genesis 22v5 ‘we will return’, and Hebrews 11v17-19).
- **Abraham Obeys – So He and Isaac Travel to Mount Moriah.**
 - Isaac asks, “Where is the lamb?” Abraham replies in faith, “God will provide”.
 - An altar is built, Isaac is bound, and, without resistance, is laid on it. Abraham lifts his arm ready to sacrifice Isaac, his son of God’s promise.
 - God calls to Abraham, “*Lay not thine hand upon the lad.... for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from Me.*” Gen 22v12.
 - God provides a perfect ram for the sacrifice, a substitute, in place of Isaac.
- **An Extraordinary Double Lesson for Abraham, Isaac, and Us: -**
 - God is absolutely faithful, keeping all His promises – always. Not one can be broken.
 - This perfect male lamb is a picture of ‘The Lamb of God’ - The promised Saviour. He Who would die many years later, near this very spot, on the cross of Calvary.
 - Solomon built the Lord’s house on this same mountain. (See 2 Chronicles 3 v1).
- **Abraham’s Feeling of Sorrow and of Joyful Rejoicing: -**
 - Abraham understood God’s sorrow when He, God, gave His only Begotten Son.
 - The Lord Jesus said, “*Abraham rejoiced to see My day*” as he looked forward to Christ dying as his substitute, and rising again, as his Saviour. **Read John 8v56.**
 - We too can share that sorrow, and that joy if we believe that God sent His Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on Calvary’s Cross as our substitute - taking the punishment for our sin. **Look back to Him now in faith, and –**

Repent your sin, believe, and make Him the daily object of your faith.

The Apostle Peter wrote, “... Ye were not redeemed (saved) with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest (made known) in these last times for you, who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God”.

1 Peter v1, and v19-21.