

Sacrifice - Chandler Sims 11/29/23 Genesis 22:1-19

Sermon Notes

Abraham Tested

22 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”
“Here I am,” he replied.

2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. **4** On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. **5** He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” **6** Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, **7** Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

8 Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

12 “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time **16** and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17** I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, **18** and through your offspring^[b] all nations on earth will be blessed,^[c] because you have obeyed me.” **19** Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

1. Sacrifice of Resources

Malachi 3:10

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

1 Peter 4:10 says

10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

2. Sacrifice your Love

Romans 12:9-13

9 Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. **10** Love each other with genuine affection,^[a] and take delight in honoring each other. **11** Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.^[b] **12** Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. **13** When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

John 15:12

This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

3. Sacrifice our Desires

Colossians 3:5

5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

Luke 9:23

23 Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

Words we say

Proverbs 18:21

*The tongue can bring death or life;
those who love to talk will reap the consequences.*

Actions we take

Matthew 7:15-16

15 "Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. **16** You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they **act**. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Decisions we make

John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will obey what I command."

John 14:23 Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.

Closing

Obedience comes down to trust