

A. God's command to Abraham (Gen 22:1-2)

1. Isaac was the promised heir (Gen 17:18-19)
2. Child sacrifice was a grim reality in ancient times (2 Kings 3:27, Jer 19:5)

Lesson #1: God tests His people (1 Pet 4:12 NASB, Jer 17:10)

B. Abraham's Response (Gen 22:3-12)

1. Traditionally identified as Mount Moriah (Gen 22:2, 2 Chr 3:1)
2. Abraham had three days to think about this
3. Isaac was a strong young man (Gen 22:5-6)
4. Isaac trusted his father (Gen 22:7-8)
5. Abraham trusted God (Gen 22:9-10, Heb 11:17-19)
7. God delivered Isaac (Gen 22:11-12)

Lesson #2: We need to trust God always (Prv 3:5-6, 1 Tim 6:17)

C. God's Reaction toward Abraham (Gen 22:13-19)

1. Abraham's test had a higher purpose
Abraham pictured God the Father offering His only Son
Isaac carried the wood just as Jesus carried His cross
He was symbolically dead during the 3 day journey
He was symbolically resurrected on the 3rd day (Heb 11:19)
2. God promised to bless Abraham (Gen 22:15-18, Heb 6:13)
Deut 1:10 descendants as the stars of heaven
2 Sam 8:6, 14 possessed the gates of their enemies
Gal 3:8 all families of the earth blessed in Christ

Lesson #3: God rewards faithfulness (Deut 7:9, Ps 37:3-4)