Hall of Faith

[Abraham’s Sacrifice of Isaac (Heb. 11:17-19)]

I. I. The Occasion of Abraham’s Faith (v. 17a)

 -The Test: Genesis 22:1-18

 -Its Purpose: not to determine Abraham’s faith, but to display it, to himself and others (James 2:21)

II. II. The Operation of Abraham’s Faith (vs. 17b-19a)

 -Its Specification (v. 17b)

 -Its Depiction (vs. 17c, 18)

 -Its Rationale (v. 19a)

III. The Outcome of Abraham’s Faith (v. 19b)

Practical Lessons

1) Read the will of God in the book of Scripture, not in the book of providence.

2) Believers will be tested.

3) The greatest trials of faith may yet lie ahead of us.

4) Not a single one of God’s promises will ever be broken.

5) Christ must be loved supremely.

6) Abraham’s sacrifice of his only son, Isaac, is a picture of the Father’s sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus.