

## 2 Chronicles 3:1a

Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on *Mount Moriah*...

### B. What Did the Lord Provide?

#### Genesis 22:13

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a **ram**, *caught in a thicket by his horns*. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a **burnt offering** instead of his son.

#### Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (Cf. Josh. 8:29; 10:26-27)

<sup>22</sup> “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, <sup>23</sup> his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is *cursed by God*. (Galatians 3:13)

## V. Some Implications

- A. We All Deserved to Die
- B. We are not Saved by Anything in Us
  - 1. Not by Our Obedience
  - 2. Not by Orthodox Beliefs
- C. Those who Turn to Faith in Jesus always Produces Fruit

#### Hebrews 11:6

...without **faith** it is impossible to please him, for whoever would *draw near to God* must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Genesis 22-23

*Real Faith in Jesus Looks to Jesus and not to Itself*

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Sermon Outline

Notes

## I. Introduction

### A. Abraham the Man of Faith

#### Galatians 3:7-9

<sup>7</sup> Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” <sup>9</sup> So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

### B. Abraham’s Faith on Display

- 1. **Cpt. 23** The Death & Burial of Sarah
- 2. **Cpt. 22** The Lord Tests Abraham

#### Key Idea

*The living branch that has been grafted into the living vine always produces real fruit.*

## II. Faith on Display

### A. The Lord Tests Abraham

#### Genesis 1:1a

After these things God tested Abraham...

- 1. God’s Authority
- 2. What is the Point of the Lord’s Test?

#### Deuteronomy 8:2

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, **testing you to know what was in your heart**, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

#### Jeremiah 17:10

“I the Lord **search the heart** and **test the mind**, to give every man according to his ways, *according to the fruit of his deeds*.”

## B. Has Abraham Earned God's Blessing Here?

### **Genesis 22:15-18**

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, "By myself I have sworn (Hebrews 6:13-18), declares the Lord, **because you have done this** and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, **because you have obeyed my voice.**"

### **James 2:18-24** (Cf. Romans 4:1-5)

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup> ***You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.***

"Never forget that all your good attitudes, all your good intentions, and all your good works will serve at the judgment not as the ground of your acceptance, but only as the public fruit and evidence and confirmation that you were indeed born again, and that you did have faith, and that you were united to Christ, who is your sole justifying righteousness.

Settle it once and for all that the dozens of places in the Bible that make your good behavior the condition of your final salvation are a condition only as the fruit and confirmation of justification, not the ground of it." – **John Piper T4G 2010**

### **John 15:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> ***By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*** <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### **Psalms 26:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> *Vindicate me, O Lord,*  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.  
<sup>2</sup> Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.  
<sup>3</sup> For ***your steadfast love*** is before my eyes,  
and I walk in ***your faithfulness.***

## III. You Can Trust the God who Provides

### **Genesis 22:14**

So Abraham called the name of that place, "***The Lord will provide***"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

## A. Where was this Mountain?

### **Genesis 22:2**

He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of ***Moriah***, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."