

The Testing of Abraham's Faith

Genesis 22:1-19

Main Point:

Work hard to pass the tests of God knowing that Jesus did the same for you.

1. You will sometimes experience difficult and confusing tests from God. (vv. 1-2)
2. You need to respond to these tests with an obedient faith that knows no limits. (vv. 3-10)
3. By responding in this manner, your faith will be confirmed. (vv. 11-12)
4. When your faith is confirmed, you are given assurance of salvation. (vv. 15-19)
5. Work hard to pass the tests of God knowing that Jesus did the same for you. (vv. 13-14)

Cross-References and Quotations

Deuteronomy 8:2 ² "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:17-19 ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," ¹⁹ concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. (NKJV)

James 2:17-22 ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-- and tremble! ²⁰ But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²² Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? (NKJV)

Genesis 12:2-3 ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (NKJV)

J.G. Vos "Wanting to give Abraham the strongest possible kind of assurance at this point in his life, God not only repeated the promises, but actually confirmed them by an oath."

1 John 2:3-5 ³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. (NKJV)

2 Chronicles 3:1 ¹ Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where *the LORD* had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (NKJV)