

Divine Methods of Testing Believers

- I. By giving believers an opportunity to make a
 - II. By believers to be tempted
 - III. By proposing tasks for believers to accomplish **John 6:5-13**
 - IV. By leading believers down difficult **Matt 14:22-34**
 - V. By permitting believers to suffer while in the of duty for the Lord
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- VI. By asking great in the life of the believer **Gen 22:1-3**
 - A. *Sacrifice-* to God something of great value to us personally because He asks us to do so
 - 1. personal friendships to go and serve God somewhere else
 - 2. Giving up a of our choosing for a career of service to God
 - 3. Laying aside our reputation and the of others as we live our life in service for the Lord
 - B. The -sacrifice Isaac to me on a burning altar **Vs 1-2**
 - C. The -Abraham responded before he had opportunity to disobey **Vs 3**
 - D. The of the obedient believer **Heb 11:17-19**
 - 1. Abraham obeyed God because he God
 - 2. Abraham had every of killing and burning his son with the confidence that after he had done so, God would raise him out of the ashes

*Concl: 2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. God has not promised the Believer an life in this world. If anything, the Believer is assured that just the opposite is the . We do not need to have a martyr's complex or be discouraged at the challenges we face. Instead, we should and rest each situation to God's care. 1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. **ESV***