

2017 God's Test of Fatherhood
Genesis 22:1-19 Father's Day June 18th 2017

This morning as we think about the blessing of fatherhood, I want to ask you to think a bit differently. What does it require for God to bless you as a father? What would it be worth to have God bless you? I can go on asking questions, but truly take a moment and think of it because we are all too often trading this blessing for something of no value. We are so caught up in the world that we forget that God is real and that He acts in our lives. Let us look this morning at the test set in front of Abraham.

- (Gen 22:1) “Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, Abraham! And he said, Here I am.”
 - James 1:12-20 “¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. ¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”
 - We will be tempted. We are in the flesh (spiritually living, yet still stinking).
 - God will provide help.
 - 1Co. 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.”
 - The way will always be in agreement with scripture. Know the scriptures. They produce growth and faith.
 - 1Peter 2:1-2 “¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”
 - Romans 10:17 “So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
 - It is for our good.
 - Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.”