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“Faith in the Testing”
Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 22

Big Idea: Great blessing from God comes when I withhold nothing from God

Spiritual Tests Study Guide (Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 22):

1) Always Ready (Heb 11:17-18; Gen 22:1-2)

- a) “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted with evil and He Himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin where it is fully grown brings forth death.” – James 1:13-15
- b) “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ... Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.” – James 1:2-4; 12

2) Obey Quickly (Heb 11:17-19; Genesis 22:1-4)

3) Withhold Nothing (Heb 11:17-19; Genesis 22:4-19)

Isaac

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| 1) Miracle promised baby: born to a barren woman too old to conceive (Gen 18; 21) | 1) Miracle promised baby: born to a virgin (Luke 2) |
| 2) Only son (Gen 22:2) | 2) Only Son (John 3:16) |
| 3) Figuratively dead for 3 days (Gen 22:4; Heb 11:19) | 3) Physically dead for 3 days (Matthew 12:40) |
| 4) Carried the wood for his sacrifice (Gen 22:6) | 4) Carried the wooden cross for His sacrifice (John 19:17) |
| 5) Willingly submitted to be sacrificed (Gen 22:9) | 5) Willingly submitted to be sacrificed (John 10:18) |
| 6) Sacrificed on a mountain in Moriah (Gen 22:2) | 6) Sacrificed near Mt. Moriah (John 19:20) |
| 7) Figuratively brought back from the dead (Heb 11:19) | 7) Literally raised from the dead (Matthew 28:6) |

“He (God) who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?” - Romans 8:32

YOU ARE LOVED