

## Genesis 22 Bible Devotions

### ☐ Monday - Open-Book Test.

Genesis 22:1

“Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham...” (Gen. 22:1). God tests His people in every generations, to show the authenticity of His work to the world. But we have as our resource what Abraham did not – the written Word of God. While this episode may have been a *pop quiz* for Abraham, life is an *open-book test* for us! Therefore, “Study to show yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). Read Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 4:12

### ☐ Tuesday - Ability vs. Availability.

Genesis 22:1

“Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am’” (Gen 22:1). God is not looking for men and women with great *ability* (1 Cor. 1:26-30), but rather great *availability*. Are you ready and willing to do God’s will, whatever that may be? Read Isa. 6:8

### ☐ Wednesday - First Love.

Genesis 22:1-2

If we confess Jesus as *Lord* (Rom. 10:9), then above all, Christ must have first place in our affections. Friend, what do you *love* in this world more than anything else? Jesus challenged the rich young ruler to decide if money or God was his first love (Mt. 19:16-23, cf. Mt 6:24). Here, in Genesis 22, Abraham faced a similar decision: Did he love Isaac or God more? Jesus said, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me” (Mt. 10:37). Recall, Jesus rebuked the church at Ephesus, not because they did not love Him, but because He was not their *first* love (Rev. 2:4). And so, each must answer this question – What is my first love? And if we answer “Christ,” then let us make the necessary sacrifices in schedule, career, priorities, recreations, time, energy and finances, “so that [Christ] might come to have *first place* in everything” (Col. 1:18). Read Matt. 19:27-28; Col. 3:2

### ☐ Thursday - Lamb of God.

Genesis 22:2

“And He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you’” (Gen. 22:2). Scholars believe Moriah was the site of Solomon’s temple a thousand years later (aka Mount Zion), and Calvary a thousand years after that. And so, God substituted a male lamb for the son of Abraham on Moriah as a foreshadow. For there, two thousand years later, God offered up another Lamb (Jn. 1:29) as the final substitutionary atonement for the sins of all those who are sons of Abraham by faith (Gal. 3:7). Read 1 Peter 1:18-19

### ☐ Friday - True Worship.

Genesis 22:5

“And Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship and return to you.’” (Gen. 22:5). Abraham was willing to give up what he loved most to worship God – true worship is a sacrifice, i.e. it is costly. David said, “I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing” (2 Sam. 24:24). Christian, is your worship costing you something, or is it one of convenience. “I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship” (Rom. 12:1). Read Matt. 26:6-10