

- I. The Command of God (v. 1-2)
 - A. God tests Abraham to strengthen his faith
 - B. God gave Abraham a clear but difficult assignment
 - C. God called Abraham to continue to trust him
- II. The Obedience of Abraham (v. 3-10)
 - A. Abraham obeyed God immediately

“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by actions, is dead.” (James 2:17)

- B. Abraham obeyed God with confident faith

“By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, ‘It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.’ Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.” (Hebrews 11:17-19)

- C. Abraham influenced his son to trust God

*picture of Abraham and Isaac going up the mountain

- D. Abraham obeyed God completely

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

- III. The Provision of God (v. 11-14)
 - A. God stopped Abraham from harming Isaac
 - B. God provided a substitute sacrifice

*picture of Abraham and Isaac offering the ram

- C. God revealed himself as the Lord will provide

- IV. The promise of God (v. 15-18)
 - A. God promised his abundant blessing
 - B. God promised a future filled with hope

“He took him outside and said, ‘Look up at the heavens and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.’ Then he said, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited to him as righteousness.” (Genesis 15:5-6)

C. God promised adequate provision

God revealed himself as Jehovah Jireh – “the Lord will provide”

D. God promised to bless the world

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, what whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

*Picture of the lamb and the cross