

*“Tested and Tried by the God Who Provides”*

**Genesis 21:1-19**

## **I. It is not unusual for God to test our faith in Him.**

**Genesis 22:1** “After these things God tested Abraham...”

**I Peter 1:6-7** “You may have had to suffer grief in \*all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith —of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

**\*KJV** “manifold temptations”

### **Abraham responds to the command:**

**Genesis 22:2-3** “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning...”

### **Fantastic faith? Or fretful fidgeting?**

## **II. Abraham’s decision and God’s provision.**

**Genesis 22;10** “Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.”



**What are your expectations and rights to which you cling?**

**Hebrews 11:17-19** “By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced 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 even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.”

**Genesis 22:14** “So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”...”

## **III. We would see Jesus ( and it’s not Isaac)**

**John 8:56** “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”

**Romans 8:32** “He 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?”