**“Be A Hero Of Faith III”**

We are continuing our series entitled “Be A Hero Of Faith III”. The Lord wants us to faith him for everything we need. However, if we don’t give him our faith then he will not give us the blessing. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Hebrews 11:17-19 (NKJV) says this,** “17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called, (which is found in **Genesis 21:12 (NKJV)** and says 12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; **for in Isaac your seed shall be called.** ” 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

**Genesis 22:1-19 (NKJV) says this,** “1 Now it came to pass after these things that **God tested Abraham,** and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 Then He said, **“Take now 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.”** 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, **and we will come back to you.”** 6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 And Abraham said, “My son, **God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.”** So the two of them went together. 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and **he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.** 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” 12 And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now **I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”** 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was **a ram caught in a thicket by its horns.** So Abraham went and took the ram, and **offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.** 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, **The-Lord-Will-Provide;** **as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”** 15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— **17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.**

**18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”** 19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

God tested Abrahams faith. By commanding him to sacrifice Isaac who was the promised child to Abraham and Sarah. The question you might have is why God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac the promised child. The answer is simple. However, we need to start by asking ourselves what is a test designed for? Let’s use for learning and understanding why students in school are tested. A school test is designed to improve student learning and to measure student proficiency i.e. grading percentage which results in a letter grade.

Therefore, Gods test of Abraham was to improve his faith and to measure his proficiency concerning his faith toward God. Remember that God had been giving Abraham tests all along before this test of Issac. Abraham passed all them with a score of 100 percent, which translates to a letter grade of A+.

However, this test was going to be the hardest test Abraham had to face and pass. Because it involved the son he loved, which is Isaac. However, Abraham demonstrated his love and faith in God. By believing that God was able to raise Isaac from the dead and give his son back to him. Thereby, fulfilling his promise to Abraham and the descendants after him. Amen!

Remember what the Lord said according to Mark 11:24.

**Mark 11:24 (NKJV) says this,** “24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. And like Abraham we will get a passing score of 100% which translates to A+ for our faith in God. Amen!

I Love You, Be Blessed!

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