

Sermon Notes

"Offering His Isaac"

Genesis 22

April 12, 2020

Series Reading Schedule

Mar 22 – Gen 16-17

Mar 29 – Gen 17:15-18:15

Apr 4 – Gen 21:1-7

Apr 12 – Gen 22

Apr 19 – Gen 18:16-19:39

Introduction

c. God provided a ram in place of Isaac (Genesis 22:8, 13-14). How is Jesus like that ram (John 1:29, 11:49-52)?

d. Looking back at your answers in a-c above, which is especially meaningful to you?

Test Questions

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Let's Pray:

Walfre Estrada - Mission Impact, Guatemala

Pray for Walfre during this pandemic as he makes decisions regarding the leadership of the school he oversees. Pray for the students while the school is closed, for good health/safety, and wisdom for the teaching staff while they prepare lesson packets.

Pray for healing for those infected with the COVID19 virus.

Pray that God will supply for those who have lost employment and income during this pandemic.

Pray for protection over the medical professionals who are at risk as they care for the sick.

Pray for the gospel to spread even at this time.

Conclusion

- a) Have you come to a point of trusting Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and the gift of eternal life?
- b) Are you trusting Christ amidst your crisis?
- c) If you want to know if God loves you, look at the cross, not your fluctuating circumstances.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 04-12-20

Questions adapted from Nancy Guthrie, The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2011, pp. 177-202; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Genesis, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 141-144.

Getting Started:

1. Did you grow up believing that God loves you, or did that become clear to you at some point later on? Do you ever doubt God's love for you? Why or when?

Digging Deeper:

Read Genesis 22:1-19

2. What was God asking Abraham to give up by sacrificing Isaac (22:2; 17:3-8, 19)? (See also Hebrews 11:17-18.)
3. Observe Abraham's words: "... we will come back to you" (22:5) and "God himself will provide the lamb ..." (Genesis 22:8). What did Abraham believe (Hebrews 11:19)?
4. What did Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac prove (22:12)?

5. How did God respond to Abraham's willingness (22:11-18)?
6. What does this episode reveal about God (22:1-2, 12-18)?
7. According to James 2:20-24, what is one lesson we should draw from Abraham's experience?
8. There are multiple parallels between Abraham's offer of Isaac, and God's offer of His Son.
 - a. How is Jesus like Isaac in this story (Genesis 22:2, 6, 9; Mark 1:11, 14:36; John 19:17)? What major difference is there (Gen. 22:11-13; Matt. 26:53; Romans 8:32)?
 - b. How is God like Abraham (Genesis 22:2, 12; John 3:16; Romans 8:32)?