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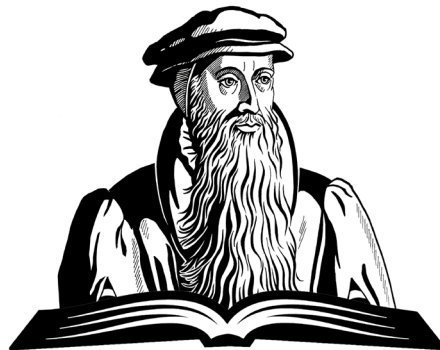
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Genesis chapters 21 and 22

Memory Verse

“And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.”

Genesis 22:13

Ishmael Sent Forth from the Camp

In time God fulfilled the promise he had made to Abraham—Sarah gave birth to Isaac. Oh, how the whole camp would have rejoiced with Sarah, who received a child in her old age! Oh, how the whole camp should have rejoiced at the fulfillment of God’s promise. However, such was not the case. What do we read in Genesis 21:9? We read that Ishmael was “mocking.” What is it to mock? Paul, in Galatians 4:29, tells us. He says Ishmael persecuted Isaac: “But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.” Sadly, as Ishmael did not rejoice at God’s fulfillment of his promise to Isaac, so there are those who do not rejoice at God’s fulfillment of his promise in his Son Jesus Christ.

Abraham’s Strong Faith

God, in grace, not only gives faith, but also seeks to strengthen faith, and God tests our faith. This was why God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. “And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am” (Genesis 22:1). We find that as Abraham had to carry out the task of sacrificing his son, a great weight must have been upon his shoulder. Remember how troubled he was when Sarah told him to send Ishmael away. Now God told Abraham to take Isaac—his precious son by Sarah; the son of the promise; his “only son;” the son he loved—to take this Isaac to Mount “Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering” (Genesis 22:2).

In following God’s command, Abraham does not stumble. He takes the provisions, he takes his son, and he moves forward to obey the command of God. Abraham knew the promise of God would not fail. Since God had promised that in Isaac, Abraham’s seed would be blessed, so Abraham believed that the promise of his children becoming a great multitude would not die with Isaac on mount Moriah. No, his faith did not fail. What did he say to his two servants? He said, “Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you” (Genesis 22:5). Paul tells us that Abraham, by faith, believed that “God was able to raise him up, even from the dead” (Hebrews 11:19). What a blessing to remember this, that through the trials of life, God’s promises never fail.

The Offering of Isaac: A Gospel Message

The testing of Abraham was not the only reason God told Abraham to offer Isaac. God desired to reveal something more about the way of salvation. God wanted to reveal to Abraham and to Abraham's seed that God provides the sacrifice.

As they went up the mountain, Isaac asked, "My father...Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7). Abraham's answer tells us that Abraham believed God, when he said, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering." Then they reached the place where the offering would be made, and Abraham bound Isaac and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

When Abraham took the knife to kill his son, "the angel of the LORD" called to Abraham from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" (Genesis 22:11), "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me" (Genesis 22:12). Looking up, Abraham saw "a ram caught in a thicket by his horns" (Genesis 22:13). This ram was then offered as the sacrifice instead of Isaac. Isaac lived, and the ram died in his place.

This story points to what the Lord Jesus Christ did upon the cross of Calvary. The justice of God must be satisfied. Sinful man cannot satisfy the just demands of God's law: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Christ is the sacrifice provided by God so that his people may live.

Review Questions

1. Abraham was _____ years old when Isaac was born.

- a) 40
- b) 70
- c) 80
- d) 100

Genesis 21

2. "And _____ circumcised his son Isaac being _____ days old, as God had _____ him."

3. Abimelech, seeing that God was with Abraham, desired to make a covenant with Abraham. Who accompanied Abimelech?

- a) Phinehas
- b) Phichol
- c) Peleg
- d) Pharez

4. What is the name of the place where Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech? What does the name mean?

5. What was the name of the place where God told Abraham to take Isaac to offer him a burnt offering?

- a) Moriah
- b) Nebo
- c) Sinai
- d) Horeb

6. What question did Isaac ask his father when they were on their way to make the offering? What was Abraham's response?

7. What did God provide as a sacrifice instead of Isaac?

- a) Ox
- b) Ram
- c) Pigeon
- d) Turtledove

8. What name did Abraham give to the place where God provided the sacrifice? What does it mean?

Genesis 22

9. "And in thy _____ shall _____ the _____ of the _____ be _____; because thou hast _____ my voice."

Discussion Questions

1. Compare the birth of Isaac and the birth of Jesus? Why were they both miracles?

2. In Galatians 4:29, Paul says, “But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.” With this text in mind, answer the following:

- What danger exists for those who mock the revelation of God? _____

- What can Christians expect from those who despise the promises of God? _____

- Why should we never mock others? _____

3. Read Genesis 21:12 and explain why Ishmael could not be the seed of Abraham. What lesson does this teach?

4. The heart of the doctrine of redemption is seen in the ram sacrificed in place of Isaac. Explain how the events of Genesis 22 reveal the idea of a substitute. Who does the ram point to? Explain.

5. The word “gospel” means “good news.” On mount Moriah, Abraham received good news—a gospel message. What was the good news that Abraham received? Why is the gospel good news to fallen mankind?
