

# 'SEEING THE DAY OF CHRIST'

## GENESIS 22:1-14

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### INTRODUCTION

See John 8:36-58: How did Abraham see the day of Christ? Through the fiery trial that he endured!

Last message we saw the "Severity of his Test" and how in it he foreshadowed the *sacrifice of the Son*.

In this experience he truly saw the day of Christ. SO may we in our trials see "the day of Christ."

Note "the Angel of the Lord" in v. 11. Compare the 3 Hebrew children in Daniel 3—saw a fourth person!

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Let us see how God used Abraham's trial.

- I. THE SEVERITY OF THE TEST (last message)  
The test, instead of breaking him brings him to the summit of his lifelong walk with God
- II. THE STRICTNESS OF HIS OBEDIENCE (3-6; 9-10) [Based on his prior faith]  
*Abraham took God at His word, did not question His proposals; rested in God's known character; laid hold of God Himself.*
  - A. "Here I am" (v. 1, v. 11)—Responsive
  - B. Early departure (v. 3)—Prompt
  - C. Proper Supplies—Prepared
  - D. Three Days Journey (4)—Constant
  - E. Leaving others out (v. 5)—Exclusive
  - F. Preparing the Sacrifice (9-10)—Complete*Abraham's faith was independent of his obedience; it rested on the promises of God, and led to obedience. Yet, in his obedience, his faith is strengthened and justified.*
- III. THE SURETY OF HIS FAITH (5, 8)
  - A. "We will worship" (5)
  - B. "We will return" (5)—Hebrews 11:17-19
    1. Not deceit
    2. Not Confused Utterance
    3. Not a hopeful wish
    4. Hope of a future resurrection and heaven only—cf. context of Heb. 11:9-16.
    5. Yet, this also has a necessary relationship to the present life and the fulfillment of the earthly promises; Abraham would get Isaac back now also!
  - C. "The Lord will provide" (8)—"he will see to it."
  - D. His "fear of God" (v. 12)
    1. An advanced stage has been attained; a new level.
    2. The Lord came to know by experience what He already knew by omniscience.
- IV. THE SUBMISSION OF HIS SON (7, 9)
  - A. Respectful address—"my father" (v. 7)
  - B. Perplexed Question (7)

- C. C. Submission and Absolute Trust (9)
  - He put his very life into the hands of his Father and his God.
  - He gave up his natural life to death and rose to new life by the grace of God.
  
- V. THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE RAM (11-14)—God’s lesson with Abraham was over.
  - A. Urgency of the Intervention (11)—Two-fold call.
  - B. Rejection of human sacrifice (12)
    - Do not stretch out your hand against the lad.
    - Do him no harm.
  - C. Provision of God—Ram in the thicket (13).
    - Represents the provision of God’s own Son for Abraham’s sin and for ours.
    - God did make a human sacrifice, which made all others vile and abominable—as well as worthless!
  - D. Memorial of God’s provision (14)
    1. The name—Jehovah-jireh (“The Lord will see to it”—i.e. provide
    2. The tradition
      - Known to Moses in his day—from trustworthy witnesses.
      - Had become a proverbial saying
      - Hill was called “The Mount of the LORD.”
      - When we have such a terrible test, God helps us according to our needs.

## CONCLUSION

In Abraham’s “awful” experience God had become his dearest treasure and God’s will his chief concern. How often do we seek to escape the trial before the full lesson is learned and the total surrender is not yet attained?

The real blessing and provision we look for is on the Mount of Testing. It is there that we will ‘see the day of Christ.’

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