



Lesson 14

Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Those who come to God must believe that He exists. And they must believe that He rewards those who look to Him.

God Tests Abraham

Genesis 22:1–18

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” Abraham replied.

²Then God said, “Take your son, your only son. He is the one you love. Take Isaac. Go to the place called Moriah. Give your son to Me there as a burnt offering. Sacrifice him on the mountain I will show you.”

³Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took two of his servants and his son Isaac with him. He cut enough wood for the burnt offering. Then he started out for the place God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham saw the place a long way off. ⁵He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey. I and the boy will go over there and worship. Then we’ll come back to you.”

⁶Abraham had his son Isaac carry the wood for the burnt offering. He himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷Then Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said. “But where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸Abraham answered, “God Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

⁹They reached the place God had shown Abraham. There Abraham built an altar. He arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac. Abraham placed him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand. He picked up the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven. He said, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” Abraham replied.

¹²“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not harm him. Now I know that you would do anything for God. You have not held back from Me your son, your only son.”

¹³Abraham looked around. There in a bush he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram. He sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide. To this day people say, “It will be provided on the mountain of the Lord.”

¹⁵The angel of the Lord called out to Abraham from heaven a second time. ¹⁶He said, “I am giving you My word that I will bless you. I will bless you because of what you have done,” announces the Lord. “You have not held back your son, your only son. ¹⁷So I will certainly bless you. I will make the children born

into your family as many as the stars in the sky. I will make them as many as the grains of sand on the seashore. They will take over the cities of their enemies. ¹⁸All nations on earth will be blessed because of your children. All these things will happen because you have obeyed Me.”

Questions

- 1 Some time later, what did God decide to do? Some time later, God decided to _____ Abraham. (Gen. 22:1)
- 2 Where did God want Abraham to take his son Isaac? God told Abraham to take his son Isaac to a place called _____. (Gen. 22:2)
- 3 Why did God want Abraham to take his son Isaac to Moriah? God wanted Abraham to _____ his son Isaac to Him as a burnt offering. (Gen. 22:2)
- 4 In the past, what did Abraham *not* have when he told lies out of fear for his life and stopped believing God that Sarah would have a son? Abraham didn't have **f**_____ (means “trust”) in God's promises to protect him and give him a son by Sarah.
- 5 What do you think God was testing Abraham for? God was testing Abraham to see if he now had **f**_____ in Him.

1 Peter 1:7b

Your faith is worth more than gold. That's because gold can pass away even when fire has made it pure. Your faith is meant to bring praise, honour and glory to God.

- 6 Did Abraham argue with God when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac? (Yes/No) _____.
- 7 Did Abraham do what God asked him to do? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 22:3)

Hebrews 11:18–19a

God had said to [Abraham], “Your family line will continue through Isaac.” (Genesis 21:12) Even so, Abraham was going to offer him up. Abraham did this, because he believed that God could even raise the dead.

- 8 Whom and what did Abraham take with him? Abraham took with him his _____, two of his _____, his son _____, and some cut **W**_____. (Gen. 22:3)
- 9 How many days did it take for them to get to Moriah? It took _____ days. (Gen. 22:4)
- 10 What did Abraham tell his two servants to do when he was able to see the place, Moriah, from far away? Abraham told his two servants to _____ with the donkey and not _____ (rhymes with “hollow”) them any more. (Gen. 22:5)

- 11 What did Abraham tell his two servants he and Isaac were going to do? Abraham told his two servants he and Isaac were going to _____ God. (Gen. 22:5)
- 12 What else did Abraham tell his servants? Abraham told his servants he and Isaac would _____ back to them. (Gen. 22:5)
- 13 What does this reveal about Abraham's faith in God's promises to him? Abraham was no longer doubting **G**_____. Abraham now trusted God and believed that he would be coming with Isaac **b**_____ (rhymes with "sack") to them.



Remember Abraham is old.

- 14 Who carried the wood for the burnt offering? _____ carried the wood for the burnt offering. (Gen. 22:6)
- 15 What did Abraham carry? Abraham carried the _____ and the _____. (Gen. 22:6)
- 16 Did Abraham walk ahead of Isaac? (Yes/No) _____. The two of them walked _____. (Gen. 22:6)
- 17 What question did Isaac ask his father? Isaac asked his father, "But where is the _____ for the burnt offering?" (Gen. 22:7)
- 18 What was Abraham's answer? Abraham told Isaac, "_____ Himself will _____ the lamb for the burnt offering." (Gen. 22:8)
- 19 Was Abraham still showing faith in God? (Yes/No) _____.



Abraham's faith was not wavering at all.

James 1:6b

You must not doubt. That's because a person who doubts is like a wave of the sea. The wind blows and tosses them around.

- 20 What did Abraham build when they reached Moriah? Abraham built an _____ and arranged the _____ on it. (Gen. 22:9)
- 21 When God hadn't provided a lamb yet, what did Abraham do? Abraham _____ up his son Isaac and placed him on the altar, on _____ of the wood. (Gen. 22:9)
- 22 Does the Bible say Isaac started to *doubt* his father's love for him, for example, by fighting his father

as his father was tying him up and placing him on the altar? (Yes/No) _____.



Just as Isaac didn't doubt Abraham's love for him, Abraham didn't doubt God's love either.

- 23 When did the angel of the Lord call out to Abraham? As soon as Abraham reached out his hand and _____ up (but before he had raised) the knife, the angel of the Lord spoke. (Gen. 22:10–11)



- 24 What did the angel of the Lord tell Abraham not to do? The angel of the Lord told Abraham not to lay a _____ on the boy or **h** _____ him. (Gen. 22:12)
- 25 What did Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son reveal to God? It revealed to God that Abraham would do _____ for Him, because Abraham did not hold back from God his _____ son. (Gen. 22:12)

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your strength.



Abraham loved the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, and strength! He didn't love his son Isaac more than he loved God.

- 26 God willingly sacrificed His only Son Jesus for us. What does this reveal about God? It reveals that God's love (opposite of "hate") for us is so *great* that God was willing to do _____ (same answer as in Question 25) for us, even sacrificing His only Son, so that we could be saved from our sins.

John 15:13

No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friends.

- 27 Did Abraham pass the test? (Yes/No) _____.
- 28 Does God pass the test in showing you His love? (Yes/No) _____.
- 29 Is there any time or reason you are to doubt God's love for you? (Yes/No) _____.
- 30 Did God provide a ram for Abraham to sacrifice? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 22:13)



Abraham started off struggling with his faith in God, but as his relationship with God grew, his faith grew. At the end, his faith in God was unwavering.

- 31 When Abraham's faith stood firm, what did God say He would certainly do? God said He would certainly bless Abraham. (Gen. 22:16)



Be certain of this: God loves you, and you can put your complete faith in Him, even when you don't understand His thoughts or ways.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"My thoughts are not like your thoughts. And your ways are not like My ways," announces the Lord. "The heavens are higher than the earth. And My ways are higher than your ways. My thoughts are higher than your thoughts."

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
