

## Genesis 22

1. Different translations use prove, tempt, test. What is the purpose of this request?
2. Where have we seen this type of encounter before?
3. What can we gain by God using Abraham's name?
4. What is the value of "your only son? "
5. What is a burnt offering?
6. Is human sacrifice common?
7. What is Abraham's response?
8. How long was the journey?
9. How many people made the journey?
10. What is expressed by Abraham's instructions?
11. Who carried the wood?
12. What is Isaac's part in this episode?
13. What is the value of Abraham's answer?
14. What is illustrated by Abraham's preparation of the altar?
15. Is there any resistance from Isaac?
16. Was there any resistance in Abraham?
17. What is result of Abraham's actions?
18. What is meant by "fear God?"
19. What replaced Isaac?
20. What is the conclusion of this event?

Human sacrifice may have been not unknown; but this in no way met the special difficulty of the promise. The existence of such a custom might seem to have smoothed away the difficulty of a parent offering the sacrifice of a son. But the moral difficulty of human sacrifice is not so removed.

"Jehovah-jireh", the Lord will provide, is a deeply significant name. He who provided the ram caught in the thicket will provide the really atoning victim of which the ram was the type.

Since the hour in which he believed in the Lord, the features of his resemblance to God have been shining more and more through the darkness of his fallen nature - freedom of resolve, holiness of walk, interposing benevolence, and paternal affection. The last prepares the way for the highest point of moral likeness.

When God, by his providence, hinders the performance of our sincere intentions in his services, he graciously accepts the will for the deed, and the honest endeavour, though it come short of finishing. The best evidence of our fearing God is our being willing of serve and honour him with that which is dearest to us, and to part with all to him or for him.