

Sermon Notes
Genesis 22:1-19; John 3:16-17
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The Sacrifice of Isaac
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- I. The test of all tests!
 - A. Tests are part of the human experience
 - B. Tests of faith
 - C. Abraham's test...a disturbing and horrifying request.
- II. The altar of sacrifice
 - A. We all sacrifice something
 - i. Time for money
 - ii. Relationships for success
 - iii. Integrity for comfort
 - B. The question is not if we are making sacrifices, but what are we sacrificing—and to whom.
- III. Genesis 22: *"Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."* (Genesis 22:2)
 - A. Shocking!
 - B. All we see is obedience.
 - C. Isaac notices.
 - D. Abraham says "God will provide."
- IV. Divine Intervention!
 - A. An angels stops Abraham from killing Isaac.
 - B. Abraham passed the test.
 - C. The promise can fully come to fruition.
- V. Why?
 - A. The simple answer: God tested Abraham.
 - B. The application answer: God wants our hearts and our trust.
 - C. The deeper answer: what happened at that same place 2,000 years later.
- VI. Yahweh-Yireh: God will provide
 - A. God provided a ram for Abraham.
 - B. God gave his only Son, Jesus.
 - C. Something greater came out of that ultimate surrender.