

Questions Week 11

Genesis 22, 24, 25:19-34

The Patriarch Era

As we begin our lesson today, we see that Abraham has walked with God for about 38 years; he is now over 110 years old. God has taken an ordinary man, a former idol worshiper at that, and initiated a covenant with him. Earlier, Abraham had attempted to find substitutes for God's promises. His last attempt was through Hagar, an Egyptian handmaid. Then as we started chapter 18 of Genesis, we see God reassures Abraham that Sarah would bring forth the promised seed. That promise is fulfilled in Genesis 21 with the birth of Isaac.

Today's question is: "Will Abraham trust God with the promised heir"?

One of the greatest chapters of the Bible is Genesis 22. One of the reasons is that this is the first time human sacrifice is even suggested. We will see in this chapter that it is the purpose and plan of God to make it clear to man that human sacrifice is wrong. It also reveals that God requires a life to be given up in order that He might save sinners. God shows us there is no one among children of men worthy to take that place. God's Son was the only One. What does Roman's 8:32 say? "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all; John 3:16, for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son-

In Genesis 22, we see that God did spare the son of Abraham and did not allow him to go through with the sacrifice of Isaac. Why? He was not the perfect sacrifice that was required.

Our memory verse this week reminds us that like Abraham we need to have a holy fear of God, and when we do, it says that those who come to Him for protection will be blessed. Psalm 31:19 says: "How great is the goodness You have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to You for protection, blessing them before a watching world."

Our prayer focus: Thanking God for His goodness and protection that He has given to you in the past, present, and future.

Memory Verse: Psalm 31:19 – "How great is the goodness You have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to You for protection, blessing them before the watching world."

Prayer Focus: Thank God this week for His goodness and protection He has given you in the past, present, and future.

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Read Genesis 22, 24, 25:19-34

1. Who tested Abraham? _____

2. What does this tell you about God? _____

3. What are God's instructions to Abraham?

4. How is Isaac described? _____

5. When does Abraham obey God? _____

6. What does this tell you about Abraham? _____

7. How far is the journey? _____

8. What do you think was going through the minds of everyone involved?

9. What does Isaac ask his father and how does Abraham respond?

10. Read Hebrews 11:17-19. What does Abraham believe about God?

11. What does God substitute in place of Isaac? _____

If you look up the meaning of the Hebrew word ram you will see that when a male lamb or (ram) is just part of the flock it is called SHE (sheen-hey), but when it is

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set apart for sacrifice (as a male lamb) it then “graduates” to the word in Hebrew AYIL (Alap-yodh-lamed). Thus once it was caught in the thicket, he went from SHE to AYIL. As I looked at this meaning it occurred to me that it represented the perfect lamb (Alap-yodh-lamed) that would forever be set apart to become the perfect sacrifice for mankind. Just as God had set a part this ram to replace Isaac, God has set Jesus apart for us. His sacrifice would replace us and our punishment of death. How awesome!!!!

Deut. 6:9 Abraham may have been preparing Isaac as they walked along.

12. Why is the ram significant? _____

13. How is Abraham’s obedience rewarded? _____

Prior to chapter 24, we read that Sarah has died at the age of one hundred and twenty-seven years. She is buried in a cave that Abraham purchased in the very land that God had given to him. Why didn’t he take Sarah somewhere else to bury her instead of purchasing this cave? It is because of the hope they have of the future in that land.

14. In Genesis 24, where does Abraham direct Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac? What does this tell you about God and marriage? _____

15. What does Eliezer understand about God, guidance, and prayer?

16. When does God answer the servant’s prayer? _____

17. How is Rebekah described? _____

18. What convinces Eliezer that Rebekah is the one he prayed for?

19. What does it cost Rebekah to go with Eliezer?

20. What does this tell you about God's will?

21. Describe Isaac's response to Rebekah's arrival.

Praying servants experience God as they obey His directives. Difficult assignments provide opportunities for praying people to experience God in the midst of their challenge.

If you have not read chapter 25 of Genesis do that this week. You will see that Rebekah like Sarah is barren and Isaac prayed and asked God to give her children. The twin boys that are born to them will not only struggle with one another in the womb but will struggle with each other through adulthood. But even in this situation God's plan cannot be thwarted.