

“YHWH Jireh: The LORD Provides”

Sermon Notes

➤ **YHWH-Jireh is the LORD Who Provides.**

What does YHWH-Jireh provide?

1. A select locale: His holy mountain (22:2, 4, 9, 14)
(see also 2 Chron 3:1; Ps 99:5, 9; Is 2:2; Heb 12:22)

2. A substitutionary lamb: The Beloved Son (22:2,12,16)
(see also Jn 1:29; Mk 1:11; Jn 3:16-17)

3. A solemn promise of life, but at great cost (22:15-18, 23)
(see also Heb 6:13-15; Rom 8:32; Mt 6:25-34; Php 4:10-20; 2 Cor 12:7-10)

Community Group Study Questions

For the Week of May 29th – June 4th

Context

What has Abraham learned about God so far. Who is El Elyon (Gen 14:19-20)? Who is El Roi (16:13-14)? Who is El Shaddai (17:1)? Who is the LORD, the Everlasting God (21:33)? What promises has God made to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3; 13:14-18; 16:16-21; 17:1-16)?

What are the “after these things”? That is, what events unfolded just prior to Gen 22? How do they relate to what happens in Gen 22?

Observation

Characters: What have we learned about Abraham and Isaac thus far in the story of Genesis? What do we learn about them in Gen 22?

Geography: What would it be like to travel from Beersheba to Mount Moriah (~50-60 miles)? What is the importance of Mount Moriah (see also 1 Chron 21 and 2 Chron 3)?

Several words and themes are repeated in this narrative. What are they? What is their significance to the theme of this historical narrative?

Narrative plot: What is going on in the climax of this historical narrative (verses 9 to 14)?

What did Abraham and Isaac learn about YHWH Jireh (The LORD Who Provides)? How did they respond to YHWH Jireh?

Meaning

How is the narrator’s comment in 22:1 about “God tested Abraham” helpful for understanding the command in verse 2? Does God really require child sacrifice?

This story of Abraham and Isaac has parallels, looking backwards and forwards in the biblical story:

- 1. What is similar to that of Adam and Eve (think Genesis 3:21)?*

- 2. How does this test and the sacrifice foreshadow the experience of Israel (think Exod 12)?*

3. *How does the whole narrative foreshadow Jesus (John 1:29; 3:15-17; Mk 1:11; Jn 10:18; Rom 8:32)?*

4. *How does the promise of Gen 22:15-19 expand previous Abrahamic promises? Connect to the dominion blessing and mandate of Gen 1:28-30? This side of the fall, what is now required for these covenant promises to be fulfilled? Whose faithfulness are they dependent upon (Abraham or YHWH-Jired)?*

In a single sentence or two of your own, summarize the main idea of Genesis 22.

Application

What is something new you learned about God as YHWH Jireh, the LORD Who Provides?

Where are you susceptible to doubt God's provision - for redemption from your sin, and in your daily life?

What is one actionable way that your life will change this next week, as you live in response to YHWH Jireh?