

# Genesis 22: The Lord Will Provide It

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Once again Abraham receives a command from God and **promptly obeys**. (Gen 22:3)

One of the difficulties of this particular test is that God doesn't include an **explanation**. (Gen 22:2)

Isaac's question reveals something about the **ceremonial law**. (Gen 22:7)

The occasion of Isaac's question is the basis for the name Jehovah **Jireh**, which means, "The Lord will see to it" or "the Lord will **provide** it." (Gen 22:8, 14)

Was this test an example of God contradicting His word regarding murder? Why or why not?

How else was Abraham tested? What made this test such a difficult one?

Abraham loved Isaac and loved God. The question was whether Abraham loved God **more**.

What did Abraham do that suggests he was deeply troubled by God's word? (Gen 22:3)

This test is in direct conflict with God's promises regarding Isaac. How does Abraham resolve this conflict? Where do we see the evidence? (Heb 11:19; Gen 22:5)

The testing of faith merely reveals what is already there. Genuine faith is demonstrated by **good works**. (Jam 2:21-23)

God gives the promise and confirms it with an oath in order that we may be **encouraged**. (Heb 6:18)

By letting go of Isaac in favor of God, Abraham received **both**. (Gen 22:16-17)

How does this account portray the future work of Christ?

- Isaac the one and only beloved son (Matt 3:17; John 3:16)
- Isaac carries the wood (John 19:17)
- Isaac bound and placed on the wood (John 18:12)
- Isaac submits to the father's will (Matt 26:39)
- Abraham the father must smite the son (Is 53:10)
- Moriah is the site of the future temple (2 Chr 3:1)
- Isaac brought back from the dead (figuratively) (Heb 11:17-19)
- substitution of the lamb in place of the rightful sacrifice (1 Pet 2:24)
- death and burning (punishment of fire—God's wrath) (1 John 4:10)
- where is the lamb? The Lord will see to it (John 1:29)

*"Abraham was ready to give up his son for a sacrifice to the honour of God, and, on that occasion, God promised to give his Son a sacrifice for the salvation of man."* --Matthew Henry

More good news: after receiving Isaac back, Abraham receives word of his extended family's **prosperity**. (Gen 22:20)

This is a partial **genealogy** that begins the transition of the storyline to Isaac by introducing **Rebekah**. (Gen 22:23)

The timeline is indefinite, but Isaac was probably a young man by this time. He was old enough and mature enough to understand what was happening to him.