

## Jesus Our Ultimate Substitute 3/18/18

*Here we have the doctrine of substitution by example. As the ram became a substitute for Isaac, to spare his life, so Christ became a substitute for all men, dying in their place so that they might go free eternal death and hell, should they accept Him as their sacrifice?*

**Genesis 22:1-5 (NKJV)**

**22** Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

<sup>2</sup> Then He said, “Take now 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 of which I shall tell you.”

<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

<sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

<sup>5</sup> And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

*An evidence of his faith*

**Genesis 22:6-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

<sup>7</sup> But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?”

*Imagine the feelings such a question would produce!*

**Genesis 22:8 (NKJV)**

**<sup>8</sup> And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.**

*Here again we see Abraham’s faith, he could not fully comprehend the object of God’s command, but he had the fullest confidence in His wisdom, love and providential care both himself and Isaac.*

**Genesis 22:9-12 (NKJV)**

**<sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.**

**<sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.**

**<sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.”**

**<sup>12</sup> And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”**

*Here God confirmed what He thought about Abraham.*

**Genesis 22:13-14 (NKJV)**

**<sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.**

**<sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said *to* this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”**

**Isaiah 53:4-6 (NKJV)**

**<sup>4</sup> Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**<sup>5</sup> But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.**

**<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

*Jesus was our substitute for us here to.*