



Calvary of Albuquerque

Genesis 21:9-22:14 - Genesis 21:9-22:14

From the Series, Genesis

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

It can be challenging for us to line up our behavior with the teachings of Scripture. Biblical principles are often contrary to our human nature, and obedience can be uncomfortable. As we examine the profound testing of Abraham's faith, we must ask ourselves, "Am I willing to do what is difficult?" As we walk in obedience to the Lord, our faith is developed and our relationship with Him is strengthened.

DETAILED NOTES

- I. Introduction
 - A. Relationships are a risk
 - B. Vows are made
- II. Sibling Rivalry
 - A. Isaac (age 3) has a party
 - B. Ishmael (age 17) is scoffing
 - C. Sarah wants Hagar and Ishmael cast out
 - D. Abraham loves Ishmael
- III. Mutual Submission - Ephesians 5:18-22
 - A. Listen to her
 - B. Wives submit to husbands
 - C. Submission to one another comes first
 - D. Result of being filled with the Holy Spirit
 - E. Five-fold submission (husbands, wives, children, fathers, employees)
- IV. Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away
 - A. Abraham gave only bread and water
 1. He was wealthy
 2. Why no caravan? Guards? Ample supplies?
 - a. Code of Hammurabi, releasing a slave (according to some)
 - b. More likely, faith
 - i. Believed God would do what He said He would
 - ii. God promised a great nation out of Ishmael
 - iii. Didn't need a caravan, just release
 - B. God will perfect that which is committed to Him
 1. Train up a child in the way he should go...
 2. Don't overprotect and worry about your children
 3. Believe the Lord's promises
 - C. Hagar dedicated Ishmael to the Lord
 1. Picture of single mother
 2. God sets the solitary in families - Psalm 68
 - D. Hagar selected an Egyptian wife
 - E. Ishmael will become the father of 12 sons
- V. Abraham and Abimelech
 - A. Abimelech watched Abraham
 - B. Abraham had dealt falsely before
 - C. Now Abimelech says, "God is with you!"
 - D. Application - over time you can outlive your critics, even if you've blown it
 - E. Abraham rebuked Abimelech
 - F. Abraham and Abimelech make a covenant at Beersheba
 1. Well of the oath (er sheba - to swear)
 2. Well of the seven (sheba- seven)
 3. Well of the oath we made with seven sheep
 - G. Abraham planted a tamarisk tree (indicating he was determined to stay there)
- VI. Trusting God
 - A. Faith
 1. When people make vows they focus on better, richer, health
 2. When disrupted, they fall away
 3. Faith must be tested
 - B. God Tested Abraham



1. God doesn't tempt man
2. Satan tempts us to ruin us
3. God test us to develop our faith
4. We often can't tell the difference
 - a. Joseph sold into Egypt
 - b. Satan after Job
 - c. God is sovereign
 - d. All things work together for good for those who love the Lord, those called according to His purpose - Romans 8:28

C. Preparation

1. After these things - Genesis 22:1
2. God prepared Abraham for the test

VII. Whom You Love

A. God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac

1. Not different from the pagan religions
2. God didn't allow Abraham to go through with it
3. Later sacrifice of children will be forbidden

B. Abraham goes in obedience

C. We will come back

1. Demonstrated faith
2. He trusted the character and power of God - Hebrews 11:17-19
3. He logically considered the situation logizomai - to consider
4. When faced with illogical contradictions make a logical conclusion based on the character of God, then jump!

D. We will go yonder and worship

1. Turned difficult circumstance into opportunity to worship
2. We must learn to glance at our trials and gaze at the Lord

E. Shadow of the Cross

1. Abraham must go to the same mountain where God offered His Son
2. Take your son, your only son - God's only begotten Son
3. Only son whom you love - first use of love, a father's love for his only son
4. Go to the land of Moriah - Golgotha
5. On the third day - (dead in Abraham's mind for three days - Jesus raised on the third day)
6. In the mount of the Lord it shall be provided, prophetic
7. How a man could love God! - How God could love Man!

Figures Referenced: Ann Kiemel

Cross References: Genesis 20, Psalm 68, Romans 8:28, Ephesians 5:18-22, Hebrews 11: 17-19

Hebrew Terms: El Olam - Everlasting God, Jehovah Jireh- God who provides, er sheba - to swear, sheba - seven,

Greek Terms: logizomai - to reckon, to consider