

## MT. MORIAH MOMENTS

GENESIS 22 | ERIC SIMPSON | JANUARY 24, 2021

*Genesis 22:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup>Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." <sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

- v. 3...he set out for the place God had told him about.

Obedience in the difficult directives of God.

*Genesis 22:4-5*

<sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

- v. 5...We will worship and then we will come back to you.

Confidence that God will make a way when we can't see one.

*Genesis 22:9-12*

<sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup>"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

- v. 12...because you have not withheld from me your son

Akedah = binding of Isaac

idol = a good thing that's become an ultimate thing

"After that bitter and blessed experience I think the words my and mine never again had the same meaning for Abraham. The sense of possession which they connote was gone from his heart. Things had been cast out forever. They had now become external to the man. His inner heart was free from them...He could not explain it, but he knew that he owned nothing, that his real treasures were inward and eternal." – A.W. Tozer

*Genesis 22:13-14*

<sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

- v. 14...So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide

The only way to and through Moriah is...WITH GOD.

"If we are set upon the pursuit of God, He will sooner or later bring us to this test. Abraham's testing was, at the time, not known to him as such, yet if he had taken some course other than the one he did, the whole history of the Old Testament would have been different. God would have found his man, no doubt, but the loss to Abraham would have been tragic beyond telling. So we will be brought one by one to the testing place, and we may never know when we are there. At that testing place there will be no dozen possible choices for us—just one and an alternative – but our whole future will be conditioned by the choice we make." – A.W. Tozer