

**LESSON 8, 5/21/22, "THE PROMISE"**

**ABRAHAM & ISAAC, A FORESHADOW OF GOD THE FATHER & CHRIST**

**INTRODUCTION**

THE PROMISE IN LESSON 8, **GEN. 15:4**, WAS FROM GOD TO ABRAHAM OF A SON, ISAAC.

GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM IN **GENESIS 22:17**, THAT BECAUSE ABRAHAM HAD OBEYED HIM, GOD SAID "I WILL GREATLY MULTIPLY YOUR SEED (ISAAC) LIKE THE STARS OF THE HEAVENS.

- IN **V:18**, GOD SAID "THROUGH YOUR SEED (CHRIST) ALL NATIONS ON THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED."

GOD'S PROMISE OF A REDEEMER IN **GENESIS 3:15**, (THE 1ST PROPHECY ABOUT THE MESSIAH) DEPENDED ON ISAAC, SO GOD COULD NOT ALLOW ISAAC TO DIE WITHOUT RESURRECTING HIM. ISAAC WAS A FORESHADOW OF CHRIST, THE ULTIMATE PROMISE & SACRIFICE, THE HUMAN SEED OF ABRAHAM & THE SON OF GOD.

THUS, ABRAHAM'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ISAAC WAS A FORESHADOW OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF GOD THE FATHER WITH HIS SON, AND THE CROSS.

- THE EXPERIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC ON MOUNT MORIAH IS ONE OF THE MOST POIGNANT "TYPES" OF CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

- ON MOUNT MORIAH, IN **GENESIS 22:9**, WHEN ISAAC WHO WAS 20 YEARS OLD WILLINGLY PUT HIMSELF ON THE ALTAR, ABRAHAM WHO WAS 120 YEARS OLD, SAW THE DAY OF CHRIST'S OBEDIENT DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION.

- IT WAS TO IMPRESS ABRAHAM'S MIND WITH THE REALITY OF THE GOSPEL, AS WELL AS TO TEST HIS FAITH, THAT GOD COMMANDED HIM TO SLAY HIS SON. THE AGONY WHICH HE ENDURED DURING THE DARK DAYS OF THAT FEARFUL TRIAL WAS PERMITTED THAT HE MIGHT UNDERSTAND FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCE SOMETHING OF THE GREATNESS OF THE SACRIFICE MADE BY THE INFINITE GOD FOR MAN'S REDEMPTION, PATRIARCHS & PROPHETS, **MONDAY, CHPT. 13**

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THEREFORE, SEVERAL ANALOGIES CAN BE DRAWN BETWEEN ABRAHAM AND ISAAC ON MOUNT MORIAH AND GOD THE FATHER AND HIS SON ON CALVARY.

### **1. THE FATHER & SON ACTED TOGETHER.**

- IN **GEN.22:6,8** - "THEY WENT BOTH OF THEM TOGETHER."  
ABRAHAM DID NOT WITHHOLD HIS SON AND THE FATHER DID NOT SPARE HIS SON BUT "DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL," **ROM.8:32**.

### **2. THE SON HAD TO DIE.**

- IN ISAAC'S CASE, A SUBSTITUTE DIED FOR HIM, BUT NOBODY COULD TAKE THE PLACE OF JESUS ON THE CROSS. GOD PROVIDED A RAM BUT ISAAC HAD ASKED ABOUT A LAMB. THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IN **V:7**, WHERE IS THE LAMB? WAS GIVEN BY JOHN THE BAPTIST. **JOHN 1:29**, "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD."

- ISAAC FELT NEITHER THE KNIFE NOR THE FIRE BUT JESUS FELT BOTH. ISAAC'S LOVING FATHER WAS RIGHT THERE, BUT JESUS WAS FORSAKEN BY HIS FATHER WHEN HE BECAME SIN FOR US, **2COR.5:21**.

**3. V:6, ABRAHAM TOOK THE WOOD AND LAID IT UPON ISAAC HIS SON.** THE WOOD SEEMS TO PICTURE THE BURDEN OF SIN THAT JESUS BORE FOR US, **1PETER2:24**.

- **ISA.53:6**, THE LORD LAID UPON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.

### **4. THE SON WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD.**

- ISAAC DID NOT ACTUALLY DIE BUT "IN A FIGURATIVE SENSE" HE DIED AND WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, **V:5, HEB.11:19**. ABRAHAM HAD ALREADY EXPERIENCED THE RESURRECTION POWER OF GOD IN HIS OWN BODY, **ROM.4:19-21**. HE KNEW THAT GOD COULD RAISE ISAAC FROM THE DEAD IF THAT WAS HIS PLAN, (AND NOT SEND HIM BACK WITH A CORPSE). ABRAHAM COULD DEPEND ON THE PROMISE AND PROVISION OF THE LORD EVEN THOUGH NO RESURRECTIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE BEFORE THIS TIME, SO ABRAHAM (& ISAAC) WERE EXERCISING GREAT FAITH IN GOD.

- JESUS DIED, WAS BURIED, AND WAS TRIUMPHANTLY RESURRECTED.