

“FAITH: THE CONVICTION OF THINGS UNSEEN”

“This Is Only a Test!”

*“A Father Surrenders, a Son Submits & God Supplies”
(Hebrews 11:17-19; Genesis 22:1-19)*

INTRODUCTION:

“...knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.”

—James 1:3

1A. ABRAHAM’S OFFERING OF ISAAC: THE _____ (V. 17-18)

“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, “IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.”

“Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

—Genesis 22:1-2

1B. The Testing of Faith is _____.

2B. The Testing of Faith is _____.

“...do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you.”

—1 Peter 4:12

3B. The Testing of Faith is _____.

“You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.”

—Deuteronomy 8:2

2A. ABRAHAM'S OFFERING OF ISAAC: THE _____. (V. 19A)

"He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead,..."

- In spite of his _____ understanding and _____ of immediate assurance, Abraham obeyed God's _____, believed in God's _____, and trusted God's _____.

3A. ABRAHAM'S OFFERING OF ISAAC: THE _____. (V. 19B)

"...from which he also received him back as a type."

1B. An Obedient _____

2B. A Willing _____

3B. A Provided _____

4B. A Wonderful _____

CONCLUSION:

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

—James 1:2-4

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation."

—1 Peter 4:12, 13