



Caught in a Thicket (The Glory of God's Provision)

Genesis 22

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1. "Few narratives...can equal this story in dramatic tension. Abraham's every action is described in exaggerated detail." - *John Sailhamer*
2. "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one." - *James 1:13*
3. 01. *Testing* exposes our heart's true resting place; that is, trials reveal what we are actually putting our trust in.
4. 02. Faith in God's future grace—fueled by gratitude for (and a recognition of) God's past grace—enables joyful obedience.
5. "For the great source of grief to [Abraham] was not his own bereavement, not that he was commanded to slay his only heir, the hope of future and memorial and of name... but that, in the person of this son, the whole salvation of the world seemed to be extinguished and perish." - *John Calvin*
6. "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back." - *Heb. 11:17-19*
7. "Is there any facet of Abraham's inner thoughts, feelings, doubts, fears, hopes, dreams, musings, predispositions...or tendencies that God does not know absolutely, perfectly and certainly?" - *Bruce Ware*
8. 03. In the lamb, a ransom is found for the doomed, an acceptable substitute for the death-bound.
9. "[Take] a lamb shall be without blemish... and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it." - *Exodus 12*
10. "But God made the supreme sacrifice which he prevented Abraham from making; he gave his only Son in order to save his world and his people." - *Sidney Greidanus*

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