

CHRIST ON THE MOUNT:
How Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac Foreshadows the Person and Work
of Christ by Type, Prophecy, and Christophany
(Genesis 22)

I. WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

A. Welcome

B. Prayer

II. INTRODUCTION

A. "Pa, I see'd a sight today!" / Today, we will too!

B. The sight: The Christ-centered unity of the Bible

C. My approach today:

- Some introductory remarks about the unity of Scripture
- A slow walk through the text
- Some concluding applications

III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

A. The Christ-centered unity of the Bible (John 5; Luke 24; LBC)

B. How is Christ is revealed in the OT?

1. *Everywhere*, but always *mysteriously, in a veiled manner* (2 Cor. 3:12ff)

2. In *three basic ways* (Christ in 3-D)!

a. OT Messianic Types

b. OT Christophanies ("US"; Angel of the LORD)

c. OT Messianic Prophecies

C. The wondrous thing about today's Text: It contains ALL Three!

IV. CHRIST ON THE MOUNT

A. The Test (1-2)

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

B. Obedience at Dawn (3)

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

C. On the Third Day

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You." **32** And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.' **33** Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the *day* following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. – Luke 13

D. A Word of Faith (5)

5 And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. Indeed, he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten *son*¹⁸ of whom it was declared, “In Isaac shall your seed be named”²—¹⁹ for he had concluded that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which also he received him back, in a figurative sense.

– Heb. 11

E. Taking Up the Burden (6)

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

F. The God Who Will Provide (7-8)

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.”

G. The Two Who (Always) Go Together (8)

So the two of them went together.

Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, an hour is coming—and has already come—for you to be scattered, each to his own, and to leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. –John 16

H. Like a Lamb to the Slaughter (9-10)

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. – Isaiah 53

I. The Angel of the LORD Rescues His People (11-12)

11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.” 12 And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

J. The Angel of the LORD Provides a Substitute (13)

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

27 “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. – Acts 4

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”, 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. – Gal. 3

K. In the Mount of the LORD it WILL be Provided! (14)

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

²³ “Moreover, in that day you will not ask me for anything.¹⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* to you.²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete. – John 16:23f

L. The Angel of the LORD Promises and Prophecies (15-18)

15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— 17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

M. Home Again (Sort of)

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

V. APPLICATIONS AND CONCLUSION: WHY OUR TEXT IS SO VALUABLE

A. It’s a miracle, a wonder divinely designed to catch our attention and accomplish many things!

B. It ignites our awareness and worship of the infinitely wise, sovereign, and good God who gave us the events themselves and the Scriptural record of them.

C. It strengthens our faith in the divine inspiration of the Bible (UCD)

D. It strengthens our grip on the Gospel of God

E. It helps us understand the new, evangelical purpose of the OT, and so equips us for effective evangelism (Romans 16)

F. It sets us on a quest for life-giving sightings of our Beloved (Song; Jody: “Pa, I see’d a sight today!”)