

# Worship God's Way

Gen 22:17-19

Indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed 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."

**W**-Abraham's worship included hearing a word from God.(V.1-2)

Now it came about after these things, that **God tested Abraham, and said to him, " Abraham!"** And he said, "Here I am." 2 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."

1. God's Word tests us when we need to grow.
2. God's Word takes us where we need to go.
3. God's Word tells us what we need to give.

**O**-Abraham's worship included taking an offering to God. (V.3-4)

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 wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.** On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

1. Making an offering to God will require our time.
2. Making an offering to God will require our treasure.
3. Making an offering to God will require our trust.

**R**-Abraham's worship included responding to God. (V.5-6)

Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, **and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.**" 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

1. Responding to God will require leaving some things behind.
2. Responding to God will require leading the way.
3. Responding to God will require loving Him above all.

**S**-Abraham's worship included sacrificing to God. (v. 7-8)

7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but **where is the lamb for the burnt offering?**" 8 Abraham said,

**"God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."** So the two of them walked on together.

1. Sacrificing to God will require confronting troubling decisions.
2. Sacrificing to God will require confessing total dependence.
3. Sacrificing to God will require continuing together deliberately.

**H-** Abraham's worship included holding loosely what God had given him. (9-10)

Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and **Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.** Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

1. Holding loosely what God has given you means rearranging your priorities.
2. Holding loosely what God has given you means releasing your possessions.
3. Holding loosely what God has given you means realizing your potential.

**I-** Abraham's worship included the Interceding hand of God.(11-12)

**But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"** And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

1. God's intercession comes to us in a personal way
2. God's intercession comes to us at the perfect time.
3. God's intercession comes to us when his purpose is accomplished.

**P-** Abraham's worship included receiving the provision of God.(13-14)

Then **Abraham raised his eyes and looked,** and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and **Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up** for a burnt offering in the place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place **The Lord Will Provide,** as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the Lord it will be provided."

1. Abraham saw God's provision.
2. Abraham sought God's provision.
3. Abraham shared God's provision.

