

# OBEDIENCE

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## Pt. 1 – The Obedience of Faith

Throughout these lessons we will be looking at what God planned: His Eternal Plan in Christ, what He desires. And we know that God has what He has desired by The Finished Work of The Cross, and now He desires to make that known to us and work that Finished Work in us. There is no question that this Plan is not going to be voided or changed: especially by us. Thank God it is fixed in Heaven! The only question is: Will **WE** be obedient to that Plan? Will **WE** come to the obedience of faith? This speaks of the condition of our heart.

**2 Corinthians 10: 5**, *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; **6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”* We are not talking about trying to obey a set of rules that are written in a book. We are talking about God revealing Himself to you in His Son, and every thought and action of your soul being obedient to **HIM**: by faith in Him, by the knowledge of Him. And then not tolerating any disobedience, but living by His faith. And man here is not the standard we are to ascribe to: the obedience of the flesh. It is the **obedience of Christ** that God is bringing us to. He was always obedient to the Will of His Father, and that was **Obedience to The Cross**. **Philippians 2:8**, *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”*

Notice this Scripture says unto death, even The Death of The Cross. And that means He allowed the full impact of The Cross to be worked: the total and complete destruction of the first man and that creation, and its being put away. And then another Life coming forth in the Newness of Resurrection.

Jesus was obedient to **THIS** Death: the Death determined before the world by The Godhead. **Hebrews 12:2**, *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”* He endured the sufferings of The Cross because He had faith in His Father: in His Love and Plan. **Psalms 16:10**, *“For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”* He knew that He would go into hell, but that His Father would bring Him forth in Resurrection Life. Therefore He endured The Death to come to Life, and bring Life to those who would believe: who would live by THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH.

This is what I want us to consider, and this is a challenge to our hearts. We know that God’s Eternal Plan is by The Cross. We can’t ask God to let us ‘skip the death and the burial’, and just get raised up. Those are man’s imaginations that will allow US to live: to remain as the old man and creation trying to be spiritual and please God. But it doesn’t work! We have to become totally Obedient to Death – His death, The Death of The Cross to come to fulness of Life. This is the Obedience of Faith according to God’s View. And this Obedience of Faith gives us the assurance of Resurrection Life and an experiential knowing of Him. **2 Corinthians 4:10**, *“Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”* This is

why we – His Body, His Church are here in the earth. The Church in God's View is the manifestation of **Christ**: His Life, Resurrection Life. And that comes about by a total Obedience to His Death, where everything that is not Christ dies and is buried, and we reckon it's dead and passed away. And this "Obedience" has with it the thought of being content: not 'missing' the old man and that realm, but finding yourself as complete in HIM, and satisfied with the New Life He has given you. This is why I am saying that "Obedience" is a condition of the heart: not merely the outward show of following rules and regulations.

Now we see this "walk": coming to the Obedience of Faith in the life of Abraham. Just remember that Abraham was before Moses and the Law. **Galatians 4:18** says God gave the inheritance to Abraham by promise, and he received it by Faith: by believing God. And this is so for us today. Now historically God had to give them the Law to keep Israel, but the inheritance of God has always been by Faith not works: by Promise not by the Law. But Abraham had a journey to full Faith and full Obedience to God. We know the first thing he had to do was **come out and go in. Genesis 12:1**, "*Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*" But God's blessings and His promises were not just to Abraham anywhere, but Abraham in the land. And until Abram left the old and came into the new, there were no blessings. The Scriptures show us the Lord would only appear to Abraham in the land. And this is important to understand because this is all fulfilled in **Christ. Ephesians 1: 3**, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*" So in order for us today to receive God's Spiritual blessings, we must come to Christ: come into Him because HE is where all God's blessings are.

Now Abraham's problem was like ours: he was NOT totally obedient. He started the journey out with Terah his father, but the journey stopped until he saw Terah dead. **Genesis 11:31**, *"And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran."* We have to see our first life: our first man and that creation dead to us, and us dead to it before we can fully see and experience the blessings of the land. And because Abram didn't come to this obedience when there was a famine in the land, Abram went down to Egypt. And you will notice in the Scriptures it is always go "down to Egypt". **Genesis 12:10**, *"And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land."* And even knowing the promise of God to bless him and give him the land, Abram refused to believe God and stay in the land that he had come into. And with this heart condition he feared for his own life, and totally disregarding the consequences to Sarai his wife, he denied his marriage so that HIS life could be preserved! Now to see how strong this vain imagination of man is and the desire to preserve "your" life, he did the same thing in Gera (**Genesis 20**), and then Isaac his son did it in **Genesis 26**.

We can see from this story that Abraham was not obedient to the "getting out"; to the death of the first – the ME, the natural earthly life. And his attempt to save his own life put the whole Plan of God at risk when Sarai was taken into Pharaoh's house. **Genesis 12:15**, *"The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house."* Pharaoh wanted to take Sarai to be his wife – and to bring forth

offspring with her! But God's Seed and His blessings will not be through the acts of fornication with Egypt! So God continued working out His Plan, and Abraham would have to come to that Obedience. **Genesis 13:1**, *"And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. 2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; 4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord."* Abram has to come up out of Egypt (speaking of out from the dead: reckoning dead what is dead to God), and going to where his tent had been in the beginning, to the altar – the place where The Lord appeared. He has to go back to the place of sacrifice: seeing the death of all that he had to leave. And **there** he called on the Name of The Lord: in OBEDIENCE to the Name of The Lord. This is a beautiful type here for us. It is always at the altar – The Cross. This is where The Lord will appear!

But before Abram could really begin to see the land and the Lord, Lot must be dealt with. **Genesis 13:6**, *"And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together."* The land could not bear them both living there. Lot's hear was towards Sodom and man's sin. But Abram is beginning to come to the Obedience of Faith. **Genesis 13: 14**, *"And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto*

*thee.*” He had to see Lot separated from him. Then Abram could begin to see and experience the land and the promises of God. And we must go through that same experience also - the Obedience of Faith.

## Pt. 2 –Learning Obedience

During these days we are looking at the glorious type of our Salvation that God has set forth with Abraham. God has “called him”, but it was for God’s Purpose. This is important because we talk about “our calling”; but most of the time that turns into “ my ministry”. God called Abraham to go into a land where God would show Himself, reveal the true nature of who He is– The I AM. And this is the same for us. God has not only called us out, but He has brought us into Christ, and in Christ and by Christ He makes Himself known to us so that we can make Him known in the earth.

**2 Thessalonians 1: 11**, *“Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”* He wants to fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness (all spiritual blessings) and the work of Faith. This is all by Faith – not works. And this is all so that the Name of The Lord Jesus Christ maybe glorified in you, and you in Him according to God’s Grace.

So as we read the story of Abraham, let us bring this to ourselves. God has brought us into Christ: into ‘the land’ that we may know Him, experienced Him by Face, by believing Him, by totally trusting Him and relying on Him in everything. We have said that this was by Promise not by the Law. And in Christ we come “back” to

receiving the Promises by Faith – Faith in Him, the way God always intended this to be. And that means Faith in The Cross – His death, burial and resurrection. And all Abraham had to do was be Obedient: Obedient to the call. And we know there were two parts to that: Get out... Go in... and disobedience speaks of a condition of our heart. The reason that many of us are not experiencing more of God and seeing Him more in our daily lives is because we are disobedient to His call. And we will learn that Obedience is not a one time saying. Obedience is a nature, a willingness to trust God, a condition of our heart. And we can **choose** to be Obedient or not to God in our daily lives. **Hebrews 5:8** speaking of Christ says He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And we do also. In the circumstances of our daily lives we must turn our hearts to God, and learn to be Obedient to Him.

Now the first part of Obedience for Abraham was the “getting out”. And this is speaking of coming out of the realm of death, the world, the old man: and reckoning dead what to God is dead. And the word dead means what is separated from God: not alive and pleasing to Him. And we have said that Abraham first had to see his father dead and then have Lot separated from him before he could begin to see the land. But we know that Abraham still wanted to preserve his own life in the land of Egypt, and even though Abraham was learning obedience in certain areas this was still a problem for him. And it is for us also. We don’t want to give up our own life! And too often the emphasis remains upon me: what God will give me, what God will do for me.

But God continues to make Himself known to Abraham and speaks of Himself as “I Am”. This is the self existent God who wants to make Himself known to those who He has called unto Himself. **Genesis 14: 19**, *“And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And*

*blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.*” Melchisedek made Him known as The Most High God, possessor of Heaven and Earth, but God wants us to know him on a more personal level. **Genesis 15: 1**, *“After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”* But Abraham at this time is learning Him. And although he speaks of the Promise God made it is in terms of “me”: what will You give ME? **Verse 2**, *“And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?”* **3** *And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.”* But God has to bring Abraham out of his own fleshly view into God’s View. Look toward heaven (not at yourself) - so shall thy seed be. **Verse 4**, *“And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.”* **5** *And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”*

And Abraham now could choose to believe God or not. He was learning Obedience, and he benefited from that. **Verse 6**, *“And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”* And then God could continue to make Himself known to Abraham. **Verse 7**, *“And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.”* I AM The Lord that brought thee out. And it is in Abraham’s heart to KNOW. **Verse 8**, *“And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?”* So then God makes Covenant – Agreement with Abraham as Who He is – I AM, and He always remains Faithful to Himself and what He desires.



But there is a big “I” that is still operating in Abraham, and because Abraham in his own eyes is still alive and able to produce something, he decides that he will listen to Sarah and produce “his seed” and fulfill the promise for God. And she does it out from the very realm that he is still alive to – the Egyptian bondwoman. This is all speaking of his natural attachment to the world. And we know that this union produced Ishmael. This child was not conceived in obedience to God’s Word, but totally against it. And the ramifications of this act of disobedience are still felt in the world today. Much of the fighting in the middle east today stands from those who are the descendants of Ishmael who are still claiming the physical land that was promised to Abraham. But God did not promise a natural land: but a Spiritual one.

But during this time Abraham is “learning obedience”. And after the birth of Ishmael the Bible does not record God speaking to Abraham for 13 years – the number of disobedience. (see Genesis 16:16; 17:1) But now the Lord appears and makes Himself known— I AM The Almighty God... And we must see that when God appears He will declare Who He is! He’s not simply going to tell you what He is going to do, that there will be a declaration of Who He is. Now God wants Abraham to walk before Him and be perfect. Now Abraham is going to be brought to maturity: to a greater knowledge of God, and come to HIS Obedience. And God starts talking again to Abraham a lot – about Covenant. But it is not going to be with the son of flesh, but with the son of Promise. Abraham had to finally acknowledge that he and Sarah were dead of seed (**Genesis 17:17**, *“Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?”*), and not capable of doing this themselves. And he also had to give up his desire to let Ishmael be The Promised Son. **Verse 18**, *“And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! He*

had to learn Obedience to The Son of God's Everlasting Covenant, and so do we.

### Pt. 3 – Be Thou Perfect

We want to continue to look at God's dealings with Abraham and the journey he was on coming to a total Obedience of Faith. And we are seeing that there were times because of Abraham's lack of full obedience that the journey was stopped, and the Work of God was hindered. And we must realize that this will be so for us also. We all want to "claim" God's Promises, but because we are not Obedient to God's calling, God is not able to make Himself known to us as He desires. Now God is not going to change His Plan because of us, but we miss out of experiencing His fulness. **2 Timothy 2:11**, *"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself."* He abides faithful: He cannot deny Himself. Let us truly take this to heart! Our walk with the Lord is interrupted, and our journey unto His fulness is delayed because of OUR disobedience to Him, and not allowing God to do His Work in us.

Now we know that God called Abram out ... to go in, and the problem that Abraham had was with **MIXTURE**. He wanted to keep things from the old land and old relationships and bring them into the New. But that was not believing God to provide for him and to perform the promises that God had made. And this is still a problem for many of us today. Abraham was called out of the land that became Babylon, which means confusion. And the essence of that is mixture: all kinds of gods and religious practices and forms of worship. God said you must leave all of that! But we know that's

the spirit of mixture was still in Israel, and because of their disobedience to God He eventually took them into Babylon, into captivity. But God's Heart is always against Babylon. **Revelation 18:4**, *"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."* It is the whole issue of mixture that God is against because it is against the Oneness of His Nature. And God show this to them even in simple everyday things. **Leviticus 19:19**, *"Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee."* Linen signifies righteousness and wool is what makes the flesh sweat, so God is saying don't mix flesh and Spirit.

And ultimately this is the mixture that God had to deal with in Abraham, and he has to do this with us also. And if we want to go on with the Lord and grow in Him, we have to allow Him to remove all mixture from us. **Galatians 5:17**, *"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."* **Romans 8:5**, *"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."* God will not tolerate this mixture! And this is what Abraham had to learn and what he had to become Obedient to. The whole issue of Ishmael was that Abraham's flesh did not want to wait for God to perform His Promise. And as we said in our last lesson, after Ishmael's birth God had no recorded words to Abraham for 13 years. Ishmael grew, but the journey for Abraham stopped – because of his disobedience.

But God's Heart towards Abraham was still the same, and that same Heart is towards us today. **Genesis 17:1**, "*And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*" God tells him who He is – The Almighty God, and you can't mess up My Plan! But now you – you who I have called and made promises to: now you walk before Me – not before your self or others, but before Me and be thou Perfect. And God's thought here is that Abraham be brought to completeness, maturity, fulness: to be sincerely sound, without spots, upright. In other words, now is the time for no mixture! And in this understanding – between you and Me God will make covenant, and there will be an establishing of His Covenant in the Seed that God brings forth. Remember the "mixed seed" that was Ishmael was NOT the one God would establish His Covenant with. It would be through Sarah the wife (who did not mingle with Pharaoh's seed in Egypt). **Genesis 17:19**, "*And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.*" God's Covenant would be with this one, and the child was born at the set time of God.

But now we know that there was still mixture in Abraham's household because there were two sons, but only one born of Promise. **Galatians 4:29**, "*But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.*" And I truly pray we can see what was happening in Abraham's house. God could not tolerate this mixture in the household! Now these two boys represented the two Covenants: Law and Grace by Promise, but I also want us to see that we tolerate this situation in our hearts and in our lives.

And in the type in Genesis these two sons were tolerated UNTIL Abraham recognized the Son that God recognized – Isaac. **Genesis 21:8**, *“And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned. 9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.”* And when there is a God – given recognition in the household of the Son that God desires and who is the rightful heir – Christ in reality, then something must happen. The son of flesh will try to assume the rights of the heir and take the things of the Father, but this mixture cannot be tolerated: most especially because this is dealing with the things of the Father, in the Father’s House. So... get rid of the mixture – again! Get rid of the child and the mother that produced it. **Verse 10**, *“Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.”*

Now this separation was still hard for Abraham to do, but God brought back His Promise. **Verse 11**, *“And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. 12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.”* In Isaac (only: the Son **God** produced out of your dead flesh) shall thy seed be called. And in Obedience, Abraham sent them away. Abraham was coming to Perfection – seeing one Son: no mixture, but only God’s Seed. May we come to this Perfection also.

## Pt. 4 – The Obedient Son

Throughout these lessons on Abraham and God's call we are looking at a glorious type of our Salvation. This has all been fulfilled in Christ by The Work of The Cross for us. **Colossians 1:13**, *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."* And because this is what Christ has done, God wants us to walk, to live in this Reality every day. **Colossians 1:10**, *"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;"*

It is "our walk" that we are concerned with these days – coming to be Obedient to God's calling and God's desire to reveal Himself to us. He has brought you into Christ so that He could make Himself known to you. But it is the condition of your heart that will determine this. And we know that this is not 'someday when I get to heaven': but now, on earth. And we have been seeing that Abraham was learning Obedience to God's calling during his journey, and we must also. It is important that we understand that we cannot expect to be disobedient to God: to His Plan and to His Will and expect the fulness of God's blessings, and to really know God in His fulness. "Our" journey stops because of our disobedience. God is not going to change His Plan: we have to become Obedient to Him.

We have said that the issue with Abraham was mixture. And this is a condition in our heart that God has to deal with and settle before we can really know Him. Abraham had to leave the old country, see his father dead, separate himself from Lot, and then put out the son of flesh that he had produced and tried to get God to accept. In everything God was having no mixture, and that remains the same

for us today. We must understand there is only One Son God makes Covenant with: One Son is recognized in the household – **His** Son. And with Abraham God now would bring him to total Obedience, and bring him to a greater view. It is the View of God's **only Son**.

**Genesis 22:1**, *“And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.”*

Now in Abraham's eye there was only one son, and God tries Abraham's obedience in regard to this son. He was to be the burnt

offering (to be killed and totally burnt up) upon the mountain God would show him. This is God's place – speaking of Calvary, The Cross. The word "Mariah" means 'seen of God, provided by Jehovah'. And on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes (to God's view) and saw the place afar off. When Isaac asked his father where is the lamb for the offering, Abraham answered **God** will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering. (Vs. 8) And both Abraham and Isaac in total Obedience to God's Word offered up Isaac as that offering.

Here is **total acceptance of God's Will**. Abraham now didn't want anything for himself. Isaac recognized he was God's, and he willingly lay down his life to God's will – as a sacrifice. Now there was no mixture – just Obedience to the Voice of God. This beloved only son is to die! Notice there were no discussions with God trying to save Isaac's life as there was when Abraham tried to keep Ishmael in the house. And Isaac didn't protest and say it wasn't fair, and that God had to keep His Promise with Abraham. No – here was a condition in their hearts of total Obedience. And this was the condition of Jesus' heart as Son: totally Obedient to The Will of His Father.

But it was Obedience based on **FAITH**. **Hebrews 11:17**, *"By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."* Abraham believed that what God promised regarding the Seed, He would do. And he knew that even if that required the son to die, God would be faithful to His Covenant and raise Isaac (the Promised son) even out from the dead, and keep His Word. And it is by this faithful Obedience that Abraham experienced in a type the resurrection.



To Abraham that young man was dead, but Abraham trusted God to raise him up out from death and keep His Covenant. And that Faith was accounted as Abraham's righteousness: giving him right standing with God and God's Will. It is the Obedience of Faith.

**Genesis 22: 11**, *“And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.”* Because of Abraham's Obedience a Voice came out of heaven and said don't touch the lad. And Abraham showed that he truly feared and honored God because he did not withhold his son, his only son from God.

Now Abraham lifted up his eyes spiritually, and he saw a ram caught in the bush and offered **that** ram for the offering. Now it is important that we understand that God had provided **that lamb** already, but it was only when Abraham was totally Obedient to God in offering the son, that he could see above his own natural thoughts and mind. And then he could see what God provided. Jehovah – Jireh means 'God will see ( to it)'. Here God shows what He sees – this lamb, this Obedient Death that God has provided. Remember this is a glorious type of CHRIST as The Lamb of God that was ordained before the foundation of the world to be the sacrifice for the sin of man. And this is what God wants to show us: not riches and earthly goods, but The Lamb that He has provided Himself! This is the only sacrifice that He will accept. And

He will always be faithful to that. And I pray the Lord will redefine who He as “Jehovah-Jireh” is and what He has provided for us.

And now because of Abraham’s total Obedience regarding the sacrifice of this son, there is a greater declaration out of Heaven, and an assurance that God will do what He has promised. **Genesis 22: 15**, *“And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time. 16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”*

Notice this is “the second time” meaning in the Spirit. And the ‘multiplying of the Seed’ is in the heavenly realm, but it is because Abraham **obeyed** God’s Voice regarding the offering of his only son. And this will be so in us also. When we have allowed God to take away all mixture in our hearts, The Son will remain: The Son that God has ordained and brought forth and made Covenant with. And as we are Obedient to His Death God will make Himself known to us in glorious ways. He remains faithful to His Promises, and The Son to whom the Promises are made. But remember this: **Galatians 3:16**, *“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”*

**CHRIST** is that Obedient Seed, and as He now lives in us, He is working in us is to bring us to total Obedience to The Plan and Will of The Father. May we come to this **Obedience of Faith**. Amen.