

## Abraham's Worship

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### Introduction

1. Genesis 22:1-13
2. In studying any biblical subject we ought to study it from the beginning. Marriage(Matthew 19 to Genesis 2), Grace (Genesis 6:8), Woman's role in the church (Genesis 3).
3. The same is true of worship we can learn much from Genesis 4. But the first time worship is used in found in Genesis 22
4. Let us study this setting and event and get a better understanding of worship.

### II Discussion

1. Worship must be based on the Word of God
  - a. God told Abraham to offer Isaac. Romans 10:17
  - b. What if he had offered Isaac without God's authorizing it?
  - c. What if he had offered a lamb or send Isaac away?
  - d. If it is going to be worship then it must be done God's way! We are not free to worship God any way we choose
  - e. 2 John 9; Matthew 15:9
  - f. Just because Abraham could not explain why things were the way they were did not stop him from doing what God said to do. Notice Isaac's question Genesis 22:7
2. Worship involves an act or some acts
  - a. "I and the lad will go yonder and worship vs 5
  - b. Hebrews 11:17
  - c. This was not something he could do at home in his mind and it is not something someone else could do for him.
3. Worship involves a costly presentation
  - a. Take thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest Vs2
  - b. 2 Samuel 24:24
    - i. Many are content to offer worship to God without costing them anything
    - ii. That is not worship!
  - c. Not just money but our minds, our lips and our bodies. Hebrews 13:15
  - d. Abraham could not do what he did on this occasion with the same degree of casualness with which some come here and do each Sunday. Do not sing, or sleep.
  - e. Some might say, "I didn't get anything out of the services today." Ask Abraham what he expected to get out of the worship as he was going up that mountain. But then ask him if he got anything out of the worship on the way down the mountain!
4. Worship involves a separation from the world.
  - a. I and the lad will go yonder and worship. He left some things behind that might get in his way to worship Almighty God.
  - b. We need to leave some things behind to worship God, Problems of work, life. Can you image while Abraham was binding Isaac and reaching for

the knife, he was thinking, “I wonder if that spotted cow has had her calf yet?”

- c. Do you suppose while he was binding Isaac he was wondering what Sarah was going to have for lunch when he got home?
  - d. I don't think so either, he was there to worship God.
  - e. The church at Corinth, was their problem over who prophesied, who led the prayers, who led the singing, would not fit into this kind of worship at all.
  - f. This mountain top where Abraham came to worship is God's place! Giving honor and adoration to Him in the way He has prescribed is the only thing that mattered. All else was excluded.
5. Worship results in blessings to the worshipper. Genesis 22:15-18
- a. When Abraham ascended that mountain what was his heart like? Heavy? When he came back down what a blessing he had!
  - b. He had a greater appreciation for his son.
  - c. What kind of example did this furnish for Isaac? What if someone asked Isaac, “did your father have faith?”
  - d. No man can worship God acceptably, and come away poorer as a result thereof.
  - e. Why did God want Isaac as a burnt offering? He didn't he wanted Abraham and He knew He had him if he was willing to offer Isaac.
  - f. How far are you willing to go to obey God?

### III Conclusion

1. Here is worship.
2. Here is a soul in tune with God, offering up his most precious possession.
3. Not only did he offer a lad, but he offered the soul, the heart and the mind of a daddy!
4. Are you willing to worship God acceptable like Abraham? None of self and all for thee!
5. Get yourself in a position to worship God, by being His child.
6. You are a child but have failed then come back.

Sources: Bobby Duncan's sermon