

<p>A</p>	<p><u>“Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening”</u> (Introduction of related scriptural passages)</p>	<p>1Sam 3:9 Gen 22-23</p>
<p>B</p>	<p><u>Abraham’s Offering of Issac Foreshadows God’s Offering of Jesus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A father sacrificing his only son. ▪ A son who shows obedience. ▪ The terms, “burnt offering”, “on the third day”, and “wood”, all foreshadow Jesus’ sacrifice. ▪ Mount Moriah is the location of the Jerusalem Temple; Golgotha is one of the hills on Mount Moriah. ▪ The terminated sacrifice is to be fulfilled 1850 years later by another father; another only Son who fulfills the sacrifice within salvific history. ▪ The termination of Abraham’s sacrifice indicates that the salvation of humankind cannot be fulfilled by one person; it can only be fulfilled by the sacrifice of Jesus, who embodies full humanity and divinity (the Mediator between Heaven and Humanity). 	<p>Gen 22:1-14, Father 109, HA 68-69 Father 107 2 Chronicles 3:1, Father 108-109 HA 154</p>
<p>C</p>	<p><u>What’s Going Through the Father of Faith, Abraham, during the Test?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most people would feel that this request is ridiculous; therefore, most would read this episode as a myth. However, Abraham’s reaction can be understood through the eyes of faith. ▪ From past incidents, it seems that any negative experiences usually resulted in peace and unimaginable blessings: leaving Haran; separation from Lot; circumcision. ▪ The relationship with God is built over many years and experiences so that we will trust Him (Is this not a marital relationship?). We must humble ourselves to follow God’s will and give ourselves up unconditionally for God. ▪ “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham is confident that God will find a way to keep Isaac alive, or even resurrect him, as He has promised countless descendants beginning with Isaac. ▪ “a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns” → Jesus crowned with thorns in Golgotha. 	<p>Gen 22:1-14, HA 151-152 HA 151 HA 152 HA 152 Gen 22:5 HA 152 HA 154 Gen 22:13 Jn 8:52-59</p>

<p>D</p>	<p><u>What's Going Through God during the Test?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This test reveals God's heart. Is it brutal? Is it barbaric? "He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" (Rm 8:32) God wants us to understand the huge price that His Son has paid (suffered under extreme barbarism) in order to redeem us from our sins. ▪ God terminates the sacrifice out of compassion and saves Abraham and Isaac from this pain of loss; though God and His Son must suffer this loss. 	<p>HA 152</p>
<p>E</p>	<p><u>How Could God Expect Abraham's Unconditional Obedience Under Such Severe Test?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abraham's faith and understanding of God's ways have been strengthened through years of walking with and learning from God. The severe test allows him to lay down everything in his life, offer himself up completely, accept God unconditionally so as to live out God's Trinitarian life and become the true image of God. It is not unreasonable for God to expect so much from Abraham as he is to become the "Father of Faith". ▪ "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son." (Gen 22:8) Abraham is a prophet. God often commands His prophets to perform incredible acts in order to reveal His message. (Ezekiel wandering naked for 3 years; Hosea is commanded to marry a prostitute). 	<p>HA 153 CCC 2572 HA 69 Ezek 20 Hosea 1:2</p>
<p>F</p>	<p><u>The Result of the Test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ God established a Covenant with Abraham that all of his descendants will be blessed because of his righteousness. God gradually and progressively fulfilled His plan and established the 3rd Covenant with Abraham (1st granting him a nation, (Gen 15), 2nd a dynasty (Gen 17) and 3rd salvation for all (Gen 22).) ▪ This test has changed Abraham further so that he may recognize that he was a "stranger and foreigner on the earth, ... seeking a homeland". Therefore, he called himself, "a stranger and an alien". 	<p>Gen 22:15-24, 23 HA 153 Father 96 Heb 11:13-16, HA 154 Gen 23:4</p>