

When TESTED... ~ Hebrews 11:17-19

→ Scripture Reading Heb 11:1,6, Gen 22:4-5, Rom 4:20-21

Killing the PROMISE??? ~ Hebrews 11:17-19

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

¹⁹ Abraham **reasoned that God could raise the dead**, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

Genesis 22:4-5 (NIV) On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, Stay here with the donkey while I and the BOY go over there. WE will worship and then WE will come back to you.

→ WE will GO and worship - and WE will COME back Gen. 22:5

OBSERVATION

Leviticus 18:21 (NIV) Do not give any of your children **to be sacrificed to Molech**, for you must not profane the NAME of your God. I am the LORD.

Deuteronomy 18:10 (NIV) Let no one be found among you who **sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire...**

2 Kings 21:6 (ESV) And he **burned his son as an offering** and used fortune-telling and omens and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. **He did much evil in the sight of the Lord**, provoking Him to anger.

→ Human sacrifices were NEVER God's will BBC

IMPLICATION

In Genesis 12 God called Abraham and Promised...

- you will become a **GREAT** nation
- I will **BLESS** you
- I will make your **NAME Great**
- you will **BE a Blessing** to **ALL** the Nations

Romans 4:20-21 (NIV) ...he did NOT waver through UNBELIEF regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had POWER to do what He had PROMISED.

Though I am powerless, You are powerful, and I will REST in that. I will LIVE **not in light** of what I can see BUT **in light of what You have PROMISED**. HNTC

Our FAITH in God may be seen when we... LABC

- **Believe** that God's FORGIVENESS is **Complete** Ps. 103:12
- **Believe** that there is life BEYOND this earth Jn 14:3
- Are **Convinced** that our life has PURPOSE Rm 8:28
- **Believe** that our acts of SERVICE are Meaningful Eph 2:10
- Being **Confident** that our NEEDS will never Exhaust God's love 1 Pet 5:7
- Are **Convinced** that our future is SAFE in God's Hands Jn 10:28

IMPLICATION

Obedience is not a momentary option - it is a COMMITMENT made ahead of time. NSaint

Romans 12:1 (NIV) ...I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies** as LIVING SACRIFICES, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.

The word SACRIFICE - implies that there is a COST

The word LIVING - implies an ongoing daily COST

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV) ...If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who **did not spare His own Son**, but **gave Him up** FOR US all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

TAKE AWAY ??