

# Digging Deeper: Discovery Bible Study

## God Gives a “Test”

*Genesis 22:1-19*

### *Additional Notes*

This narrative is one of the most dramatic, gripping, and theologically significant accounts in all of Scripture!

What name is given in Scripture to what Abraham experienced and responded to in this passage? I am convinced this single term is the key, unifying idea of this passage! “\_\_\_\_\_”

**An interpretive hint for working with narrative passages in the Bible...** Once you have identified the key, unifying idea of the passage in the Biblical writer’s own words, it is best to move through the passage and \_\_\_\_\_” ... How many \_\_\_\_\_ do you identify in this passage?

1. God Gives “\_\_\_\_\_” (vss. 1-2)
2. The “\_\_\_\_\_” (vss. 3-10 cp. Romans 1:1-6; 16:25-27 – Obedience that faith produces)
3. Abraham “\_\_\_\_\_” – And is Divinely Rewarded/Awarded (vss. 11-19)

**How do you see this account applying to the “tests” God permits (even sends) in our lives?** Since the words in both the Old and New Testament for “test” and “tempt” are the same, what do you see as the difference between the two concepts? (cp. James 1:12-15; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-18)

- ✓ A “test” is \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ A “temptation” arises from “\_\_\_\_\_”
- ✓ \*However for a Christian, every temptation has \_\_\_\_\_ aspect to it (cp. 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 4:7-8)

**Now let’s deal with the main characters in this story...**

- ✓ How do you think Abraham felt – what must have been going through his mind when God gave him “the test?”
- ✓ A bit of conjecture... If Sarah knew anything about “the test” how do you think she might have felt?
- ✓ And how about Isaac? What do you think were some of the thoughts and emotions he experienced as this event transpired or developed?
- ✓ And what about God? What do you see as His purposes in this “test?”

## 1. God Gives “The Test” (vss. 1-2)

- ✓ This was a \_\_\_\_\_ “test” given the promises and covenant Abraham had been given in Genesis 12 & 15
- ✓ It is also entirely possible that \_\_\_\_\_ was the practice Abraham’s pagan neighbors

## 2. The “Obedience of Faith” (vss. 3-10)

- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ obedience (vs. 3)
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ obedience (vs. 4)
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ obedience – (vs. 5)
- ✓ Obedience flowing from \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 5-8)
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ obedience – Isaac also was submissively obedient (vs. 9)
- ✓ The narrative goes into “slow motion”... Complete obedience – obedience that “\_\_\_\_\_” (vs. 10)

## 3. Abraham “Passes the Test with Flying Colors” – And is Divinely Rewarded/Awarded (vss. 11-19)

- ✓ God Himself – “the \_\_\_\_\_” stops Abraham (vs. 11-12)
- ✓ Abraham expressed obedience flowing out of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “fear of God”)
- ✓ God provides a “\_\_\_\_\_” – “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided” (vss. 13-14)... ultimately this was fulfilled in a “Substitute” hanging on a cross (Mt. Moriah – a “hill called Mt. Calvary”)
- ✓ God’s promise and covenant renewed – “\_\_\_\_\_ I have sworn, declares the Lord...” (vss. 15-19 cp. Hebrews 6:13-18)

**The “Divine Sequel”** ... What parallels do you see between this Biblical account and the redemptive story of Jesus (cp. Philippians 2:5-11)?

- ✓ At the Father’s direction – Jesus came to earth in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ The doctrine of “\_\_\_\_\_” – Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12; Romans 5:6-11; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-15, 21; 1 Peter 3:18).
- ✓ Even the place all of this took place – Mt. Moriah ( \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Chronicles 3:1)
- ✓ Isaac experiencing a “\_\_\_\_\_” of sorts (Hebrews 11:17-19)