

📍 January 30, 2019 - John Foxx
📍 Abraham
📍 Hebrews 11:17-19

Hebrews 11:17-19, “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He received the promises and yet he was offering his one and only son, the one to whom it had been said, ‘Your offspring will be traced through Isaac.’ He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead; therefore, he received him back, figuratively speaking.”

A graphic illustration of Abraham’s faith is in The Akedah or The Binding of Isaac (Gen 22). Isaac was the son of promise and the only son (22:2) YHWH recognized in His illustration of redemption (John 3:16). Abraham loved Isaac (22:2) – this very first mention of love in the Bible is between a father and his only son. The first mention of love in the New Testament is also between a Father and Son (Matt 3:17)! Abraham was to offer Isaac on Mount Moriah (22:2), which is the same plot of land David would purchase to offer sacrifices to YHWH, where Solomon would later build the Temple (2 Chr 3:1), and where the Father would sacrifice Jesus. Abraham went three days knowing his son was as good as dead (22:4); Jesus was in the tomb for three days. They took a donkey (22:3); so did Jesus. They took two servants (22:3); Peter and John followed Jesus to His trial (John 18:15). Isaac carried the wood (22:6); Jesus carried His cross. Abraham provided his son as the sacrifice, saying, “God will provide Himself a lamb” (22:8); and God did – Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:29). A substitute was found (22:13); Jesus is our substitute (Isa 53:5-6). The ram was caught by his horns in the thicket (22:13); Jesus wore a crown of thorns. Abraham revealed the prophetic nature of this, calling that place YHWH-Yireh, or YHWH will Provide (22:14). Hebrews 11:17-19 reveals Abraham’s secret: faith. YHWH had made promises to Abraham through Isaac; if Isaac were to die, YHWH would have to raise him from the dead, for His Word cannot be broken! That is faith! Isaac was spared after three days, like a resurrection; Jesus rose from the dead after three days! All this was fulfilled 2,000 later with perfect accuracy. The Bible is God’s Word and Jesus Christ is the Cipher, through the Holy Spirit, to understand its absolute perfection.

Prayer:

Oh, YHWH God Almighty: Father, Son, Holy Spirit – perfect King, Savior, and Friend. Thank you for revealing to us the faith of Abraham. He gave all to follow You, never seeing the fulfillment in his day, because You are worthy, and Abraham knew it. Help us to walk in the faith of Abraham. Help us not only to believe every single Word of the Bible, but to obey. We trust You, we love You, and we thank You in the name of Jesus. Amen.



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