

## Genesis 22:1-14

### *The testing of Abraham*

22:1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

22:2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

22:3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

22:4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

22:5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

22:6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.

22:7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

22:8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

22:9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

22:10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

22:11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

22:12He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

22:13And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

22:14So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

## Psalm 13

*Will you forget me forever?*

13:1How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

13:2How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

13:3Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

13:4and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

13:5But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

13:6I will sing to the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Test of a true prophet*

28:5Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD,

28:6and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles.

28:7But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

28:8The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.

28:9As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

## Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

*I sing of your love*

89:1I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

89:2I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

89:3You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David:

89:4'I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah

89:15Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

89:16they exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness.

89:17For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

89:18For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

## Romans 6:12-23

*No longer under law but under grace*

6:12Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.

6:13No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

6:14For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

6:15What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

6:16Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

6:17But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted

6:18and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness.

6:19I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

6:20When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

6:21 So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

6:22 But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life.

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Matthew 10:40-42

*Welcome Christ in those Christ sends*

10:40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

10:41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous,

10:42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."