

THE ULTIMATE TEST

Genesis 22:1-18

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Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham...

Genesis 22:1

What can we learn from Abraham's ultimate test?

1. Ultimate tests come after lesser tests.

A. God uses lesser tests to strengthen you.

Yet with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was also able to perform. Romans 4:20-21

B. God uses lesser tests to teach you.

2. Ultimate tests can be passed.

A. You must give swift obedience.

*So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey...
Genesis 22:2*

B. You must hold nothing back.

*Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac...
Genesis 22:2*

C. You must know that God will provide.

It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing Him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. Hebrews 11:17-19 NLT

3. Ultimate tests produce ultimate blessings.

...because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you... Genesis 22:16

A. You can never out give God.

B. You can begin to bless God.

Without faith it is impossible to please Him... Hebrews 11:6

C. You can always trust God.

He gave His all for you, will you for Him?