

TEEN TALK: A SON FOR ABRAHAM; Theme: LESSONS FROM ABRAHAM

MEMORY VERSE: John 3:16; For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

GENESIS 17 & 18 & 20 & 22

When Abram was ninety nine years old, God appeared to him and made a promise to him. God changed his name to Abraham, which means "Father of many nations." God said many nations and kings would come from him. God promised to be Abraham's God and also the God of Abraham's descendants. God also changed the name of Abraham's wife, Sarai, to Sarah. God promised that she would bear him a son even though she was now old. God kept His promise and soon afterward Sarah had a son, they named him Isaac.

One day when Isaac was still just a boy , God told Abraham to go to Mount Moriah and sacrifice his son on an altar. WHAT?

How could Abraham kill his own son? How could God ask such a thing from him? Why would he kill the one son he had waited for so long?

Abraham must have asked all these questions. But remember that Abraham "BELIEVED" God!

Abraham trusted that he could do whatever God asked of him and God could take care of things.

Abraham believed that God could bring Isaac back to life. After all God had promised to give descendants through Isaac. So Abraham and Isaac set out to do as God had asked.

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac and Abraham carried the fire and the knife. Isaac asked his father, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "**God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering.**"

Then Abraham prepared the altar and put Isaac on it but just as he was about to kill his son, the angel of the Lord shouted from heaven to stop. God told Abraham not to hurt his son. God told him, "Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son from me."

Then when Abraham turned around, he saw a ram caught in the bushes by its horns. God had sent it there to be the sacrifice instead of Isaac. Abraham killed the ram and offered it on the altar and God was pleased with him for being willing to obey.

God said to Abraham: Gen. 22:18; And through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.

This story about Abraham, is a picture of what was to come many years later when God gave His son Jesus as a sacrifice for us. Jesus would be born later as one of the descendants of Abraham.

This would be how all nations would be blessed through the seed of Abraham. Only through the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we can have forgiveness of sin and eternal life. Jesus is the lamb that God has provided.