

THE MISSING SACRIFICE

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Gen 22:1-3 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. KJV

This story is one of the greatest in the entire Bible. Abraham, the friend of God, taking the promised son that God had given to him, and being willing to offer him up as a burnt sacrifice unto the Lord.

The reason Abraham was doing this, was because God told him to. God wanted something from Abraham and God hasn't changed. He wants something from every one of us as well. He still expects us to be willing to make sacrifices for Him.

Abraham didn't want to see his son die anymore than any of us would want any of our children to die, but when God spoke to Abraham and told him to offer Isaac, I don't find one place where Abraham argued or talked back to God.

In one verse we find God telling Abraham what he wanted him to do and the very next verse tells us that Abraham got up early the next morning and took off, ready to obey the voice of God.

Would you be willing to do that? Are you obedient to the voice of God in your life? Do you obey all that God says to you, without arguing or talking back or trying to reason away what it is that God wants you to do?

Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son for God because God meant more to him than his son did. God meant more to Abraham than anything in the world.

How much does God mean to you? How much does the work of God mean to you? Are you willing to make a sacrifice for the kingdom of God?

It's not enough just to build an altar and make a fire, there must be a sacrifice!