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A BIBLICAL STUDY of Genesis 21-22

"Accounting that God was Able to Raise Him Up Even From the Dead"

In chapter 20, Abraham feared he would be slain by Abimelech because of Sarah. In chapter 21-22 Abraham trusted God, even if it meant the slaying of his only begotten son. What can be learned about this kind of faith?

STRONG'S HEBREW/GREEK DEFINITIONS



- 1 OBEYED (H8085) "Shama" - to hear
- 2 SET (H4150) "Mowadah" - appointed; a fixed time or season; an appointment

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING GOD'S WORD

How can "faith come by hearing" if we don't daily read God's word?

How can we be laborers of the gospel if we don't read and study the gospel?

Why do people think God's word is too hard to understand and therefore use "easier" translations or alternative reading materials? Does not God call Himself the one who teaches it?

How important is reading God's word to you?

God have mercy on us when we get lost in the business of our lives and don't take the time to read daily as we are called to do.

TEXT OF THE WEEK

"See ye then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."
- James 2:24



1. Read Genesis 21:1-21. When did Abraham receive his son? 21:2
 - A. Throughout scripture, we read of the "set" or "appointed" time that God moves to make His will known. In Isaiah 55:11 we read, "It (my word) shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please..."
 - 1) Which attribute of God does this describe? Is. 46:9-10
 - 2) How is the next "appointed" time described? Acts 17:31
 - B. Read Genesis 22:1-19. List the ways in which Abraham demonstrated amazing obedience throughout this time. Gen. 21: 2, 3, 12-14; Gen. 22:3, 9-10
 - 1) Notice the Hebrew definition of "obeyed" in Genesis 22:18. How is this type of obedience possible? Proverbs 20:12
 - 2) "Obey", "hear," "hearing" and "hearken" all have the same number (H8085), each representing the spiritual ear. Differentiate between those who have these "ears to hear" and those who don't. Ez. 12:2; Matt. 12:14-17; Acts 26:26- 28
2. What are the characteristics of the faith of Abraham? Was it really Abraham's faith that saved him?
 - A. Hebrews 11:17-19
 - B. Galatians 3:6-9, 22; 2:16
 - C. Romans 4:22, 28
 - D. John 15:16
3. What is the necessary component of this faith? James 2:19-21, 26
 - What comes first?
4. RESPOND: In the Parable of the Laborers, the question proposed in the eleventh hour was, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" (Matt. 20:6) Are we not in the eleventh hour? Is there an option in salvation that does not include works?
5. RESPOND: Why do people assume that works are of a "Tommy-do-good" or a "Dudley-do right" type person is the work of a believer?
 - What is the "work" that is expected from a child of God? Matt. 28:19-20; Ro. 10:14-15
 - Discuss the importance of beginning by reading the gospel: Ro. 10:17
 - Where does this work begin? Deut. 6:4-8