

Passing the Test
Gen 22:1-3
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Thesis: I want to show the lessons we can learn from Abraham and obedience as we find him in Genesis 22.

- Intro:
1. The events of Genesis 22 are incredible in nature.
 2. These events remind us of how serious God is about obedience to Him.

I. The Test

A. The Command (**Gen 22:1-2**)

1. Notice – Abraham answered when God called, and he did so immediately.
2. Abraham was to offer his promised son. The son he loves dearly, he was to offer him to God.

B. Obedient Reaction (**Gen 22:3-6**)

1. Abraham set out to obey God without question (**Gen 22:3**)
2. Abraham arrived on the third day, thus he had two days to dwell on what was coming (**Gen 22:4**).
3. Abraham didn't expect to return with his son (**Gen 22:5-6**)

II. Obedience & a Sacrifice

A. Where is it? (**Gen 22:7-8**)

1. What was Isaac thinking at this point?
2. What was Abraham thinking at this point?

B. Abraham the willing servant

1. How did Abraham bind Isaac? (**Gen 22:9**)
2. Abraham was prepared to kill his son (**Gen 22:10**)

C. Abraham proves himself

1. Abraham is stopped (**Gen 22:11-12**)
2. A sacrifice is given (**Gen 22:13-14**).

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Obedience is required, no matter the cost (**Gen 22:12**).

1. Abraham was ready to do ANYTHING God required.

B. Blessings come because of obedience (**Gen 22:15-18**)

1. Abraham was blessed because of obedience.
2. Christians today are blessed when they obey.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Abraham was a tremendous, obedient servant of God.
2. We can learn from his example of obeying without questioning. (**Gen 22:8**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9