**Jehovah Jireh – “The Lord Will Provide”**

*Genesis 22:13-14*

**Introduction**

1. God tested Abraham’s faith by requiring him to sacrifice his son of promise, Isaac.
2. By faith, Abraham gathered supplies, and took Isaac with him to the land of Moriah as God instructed.
3. Isaac questioned Abraham out of confusion, and Abraham persisted in his faith, and saw God’s faithfulness in providing a ram for sacrifice – **Genesis 22:6-14**
   1. **(v. 8)** – God will provide a lamb.
   2. **(v. 10)** – God didn’t provide as Abraham said, and he had meant to slay Isaac.
      1. **Hebrews 11:17-19** – at this point Abraham thought God would provide a resurrection.
   3. God didn’t provide a lamb, and He didn’t provide a resurrection.
   4. **(v. 13)** – God provided a ram.
4. Abraham gave an appropriate name to the place – **(v. 14)** – Jehovah Jireh, or “The Lord Will Provide”
5. Abraham learned from the beginning of his walk with God that the Lord provides. When the life of his promised son was at stake Abraham continued to believe that God would provide – even when God did not provide in the way he thought – and God provided.
6. While some may question whether God will come through with exactly what we need, the scripture is replete with proof that God is always faithful to provide.
7. The Lord Will Provide
8. A Sacrifice for Sins
   1. Ultimately, as God offered a ram to be sacrificed instead of Isaac, He would offer His Son to die in our stead.
      1. God reaffirmed His promise to Abraham – **Genesis 22:15-18**
      2. The seed promise would be fulfilled in Jesus.
   2. While sinful men conspired against Him, God used them to carry out His plan:
      1. **John 11:49-52** – Caiaphas unknowingly used as a mouthpiece of God concerning the expediency of Christ’s death.
      2. **Acts 2:22-24** – Peter showed they crucified Him, but in doing so carried out God’s purpose.
      3. **Acts 4:24-28** – Herod, Pilate, the Gentiles, and Israelites fulfilled the prophecy of Psalm 2, carrying out God’s purpose.
   3. Abraham saw the ram God provided, took it, and sacrificed it by faith – **Genesis 22:13**
   4. God has provided the sacrifice, but we must act on it by faith:
      1. **Acts 3:17-19, 25-26** – Jesus was offered, must repent, be converted to be refreshed. Jesus died and was sent for them to receive the blessing of His sacrifice – needed to act by repentant faith.
         1. Repent and be converted = repent and be baptized (cf. **Acts 2:38).**
      2. **Acts 13:38-41, 44-46** – sacrifice and resurrection fulfilled, preaching of forgiveness through Jesus, must accept by faith – Jews (to whom Jesus was sent first) rejected, and judged themselves unworthy.
9. An Opportunity for Honest Hearts to Hear the Truth
   1. **Romans 1:16** – the gospel is God’s power to salvation – an inspired message (good news) that must be heard and believed (**cf. Romans 1:5** – obedient faith).
   2. Often, we hear objections about those who “didn’t get a chance to hear,” or hypotheticals about some who may be in a position where it is “impossible for them to hear.”
   3. Inconsistent:
      1. Promises to Abraham.
      2. Son of promise born miraculously against odds.
      3. Isaac had Jacob – Jacob had 12 sons – turned to Egypt in time of need – nation multiplied as God promised Abraham.
      4. Nation delivered, given land.
      5. Nation rebelled and punished – yet remnant spared.
      6. Jesus comes through remnant – at right time (**cf. Galatians 4:4**).
      7. Attempt to foil God’s plan – plan fulfilled.
      8. Attempt to destroy God’s church – church spared (a kingdom to never be destroyed).
      9. BUT THERE ARE SOME THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO REACH WITH THE GOSPEL?
   4. The Lord will provide:
      1. Seek and find – **Matthew 7:7-8**
      2. Cornelius – **Acts 10:1-6** – he was devout, had been seeking, and God provided.
      3. **Romans 10:14-15** – the gospel is essential to salvation, and God will send it to honest hearts.
      4. **Colossians 4:2-4** – there are doors of opportunity everywhere for lost souls to see – WE MUST KNOW THAT GOD USES US THOUGH.
         1. Instead of making excuses, why don’t we go evangelize?
10. Understanding of the Word
    1. Some act as though the word is too difficult to understand, or at least that we cannot understand it alike.
       1. But Paul says – **Ephesians 3:3-4; 5:17** – can and must understand.
       2. Also – **1 Corinthians 1:10** – can and must understand alike.
    2. Some honestly want to understand but allow themselves to get discouraged with difficult passages.
       1. Some things hard to understand – **2 Peter 3:16** – not impossible.
       2. Meat cannot be consumed by all – **Hebrews 5:14** – but can be consumed.
    3. The Lord will provide:
       1. A man who was starting to understand – **Mark 12:32-34** – not far. (Questions were a test – did he keep asking with honesty?)
       2. Ethiopian Eunuch – **Acts 8:26-35** – searching, admitted need for guidance, invited Philip, inquired, Philip preached.
          1. A taught religion – **Matthew 28:20; Ephesians 4:11-12, 16**
       3. Bereans – **Acts 17:10-12** – honest hearts, put in work, led to believe.
       4. God wants men to come to knowledge – **1 Timothy 2:3-4**
       5. We must trust the Lord will provide and then seek! – **Psalm 119:17-24**
          1. **2 Peter 3:17-18 – grow.**
11. A Way of Escape in Temptation
    1. Do we believe this? – **1 Corinthians 10:13**
    2. It’s too much, I can’t help it, I’m different, there’s just too much that has gone against me in my life, I was born this way, etc.
       1. These excuses, and many more, express faithlessness in God’s promise to provide a way of escape.
    3. Progress of context – **1 Corinthians 10**:
       1. **(vv. 1-4)** – delivered, spiritual necessities provided.
       2. **(v. 7)** – Idolaters
       3. (**v. 8)** – fornicators.
       4. **(v. 9) –** tempted Christ (tested Him).
       5. **(v. 10)** – complained.
       6. **(vv. 6, 11)** – history for our learning, an example.
          1. We should NOT do as they but be admonished and avoid.
       7. **(v. 12)** – we could fall too.
       8. Could they have avoided the sin? Could we? – **(v. 13)** – why did they need to fall? Why do we?
    4. We shall rule over our temptation – **Genesis 4:6-7**
    5. The Lord will provide – **2 Peter 2:9** – to deliver us out of temptations:
       1. Then petition Him! – **Matthew 26:40-41** – saying you must rely on God’s provisions.
          1. For deliverance – **Matthew 6:13** – lead us not into…
          2. Then avoid – **Proverbs 1:10, 15; 4:14-15; Psalm 1:1-2** – do not present yourself to evil (bringing problem upon you).
       2. Resist, and keep resisting – **James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9**
          1. Don’t give the devil place – **Ephesians 4:26-27**
          2. Can he be resisted? – **Matthew 4:11** – Jesus resisted, and the devil left.
       3. What does God provide? – **Ephesians 6:10-11, 14-18** – impenetrable armor! (All related to the word.)
          1. Hide it in your heart – **Psalm 119:11**
          2. “It is written…”
12. Have Faith that the Lord Will Provide – **Psalm 84:10-12** – He will not withhold from the righteous who trust in Him.

**Conclusion**

1. God tested Abraham, and he showed his faith in God – that He would always provide.
2. God provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice instead of Isaac, and Abraham gave Him the name that would forever encourage His people to trust in Him – Jehovah Jireh, “The Lord Will Provide”
3. We must always seek God, knowing He will provide for our every need.