

The Great Reward Of Your Works Of Faith

(NKJV) Heb 11:6 But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

THE GREATER YOUR WORKS OF FAITH FOR GOD THE GREATER YOUR REWARD

NKJV) Heb 11:17 By **faith** Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, *(a work of faith)* and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,”

Abraham Faith Revealed by his works

19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

(NKJV) Gen 15 1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “**Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.**”

2 But Abram said, “Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!”

4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.” 5 Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

GOD REWARDS HIS SERVANTS WHO REVEAL THEIR FAITH BY THEIR WORKS

(NKJV) Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

To be declared righteous by God is the greatest word that God can speak over his servant! The righteousness of God comes by faith. Faith that is revealed by the servant's works!

(NKJV) Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken. 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

22 The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

(NKJV) 1 Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor (*Works of Faith*) is not in vain in the Lord.

GOD ALWAYS REWARDS FAITH!

Heb 11:6 He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

(NKJV) Mt 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

GOD REVEALS HIS REWARDS ACCORDING TO HOW YOU REVEAL YOUR FAITH

I. (NKJV) Ge 22:1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

A. He is testing him to reward him! He is seeking to find out if his faith is matured enough so that he may bless him!

B. Hebrew: Elohim the creator. God the most Powerful

1. Why did God test him this way, The dead sea scrolls say it was because Satan had challenged God just as he did regarding Job

2. What was the end result of Job's testing?

(NKJV) Job 42:12 Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning;

C. He was tested 10 times. This was his last and final test. The number of completion. Other were...

1. Was he willing to give up his country, his family, his home (counted as three testing in one)
2. The famine of Canaan
3. Gave up Lot his nephew
4. When Pharaoh took Sarai as his wife
5. When he was told to be circumcised
6. Putting away of Hagar and Ishmael
7. Now to give up Isaac

D. **Testing is for the righteous, not the unrighteous.** There is no need to test those things that are flawed. It is known they will fail.

(NKJV) Ps 11:5 The LORD tests the righteous,

1. God allows you to go through trials to strengthen you and to reward you. Every trial builds you up.
2. When a man has two oxen a strong one and a weak one upon which does he put the yoke? God only test the righteous
3. When you go through a trial recognize it is for a purpose. What purpose?

a. **So that God may elevate you to a higher level!**

b. James says:

(NKJV) Jas 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

(NIV84) Jas 1:4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

*See these words mature, complete, not lacking anything.
You are tested to see if you're able to have everything
given to you*

(1) Testing produces patience/faithfulness in the thing God desires

(2) Patience/faithfulness produces maturity

- (3) Maturity produces rewards
- (4) God wants you mature so he may reward you!

MATURITY REQUIRES A DIFFERENT MINDSET THAN THE WORLD

- E. Maturity requires a different mindset than the world
(NKJV) Ro 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(NKJV) 2 Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

(NKJV) 2 Co 5:16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

- 1. God desires to provide you with more...you are tested to see if you will be faithful in a few things so that he may provide you with more things.
- 2. This is how he matures you
 - a. This is true with Abraham... it is also true with you.
 - b. Abraham will come to know God differently after this testing!
- 3. God will not let trials overcome you
 - a. (NKJV) 1 Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
 - b. Temptation - Adversity
 - c. Nothing is new under the Sun
- 4. You must keep serving God no matter what the temptation is

- F. How old was Isaac? We have thought of him as a young boy, but he was older than a young boy. (25-37)

- 1. Josephus the Jewish historian says he was 25
- 2. According to Rabbinic tradition he was about 37. Consider

(NKJV) Ge 23:1 Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 So Sarah died in Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

a. What do you mean he came to mourn for her? Where did he come from to mourn for her. Should he not have been with her?.....

(1) He came from where he was to sacrifice Isaac.

b. It is speculated she died of shock after coming to understand what Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac.

3. She was 90 when Isaac was born, and 127 when she died.

a. $127-90 = 37$ years, the approximate age of Isaac.

b. The youngest age he could possibly have been with 25.

G. See how mean God appears to be: "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love,

1. Not a Lamb, goat, Bull, Ox, not your servant, not Ishmael, but your son, your only son, the one you love

2. What he wants may not be right to you but it is his will. Doing God's will, will always bless you even when you can't see that it will.

a. Look at what happened to Jesus!

3. God didn't even give Abraham a reason! Just Kill your son

a. You must do it with your own hand

4. God will always test with something dear to you, this was Abraham's greatest joy.

a. God will test you

(1) to give up your time

(2) to give up your labor

(3) to give up your money

(4) to give up your desires

b. It will always be something you don't want to do. God knows your heart but he wants to know by your actions you will put him first!

(NKJV) Mt 22:37 Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment.

H. This test would put to rest any doubt that Abram was serving God because of what God had done for him

1. He had lands, wealth
2. He was successful in all he did
3. He had conquered enemies in battle
4. He had children that had been supernaturally conceived
5. He was much blessed by God
6. Now did he serve God because of the blessing or because he loved God? This test would prove it.

I. Never lose sight that this test is again a test given for the benefit of Abraham. His triumph in the test is the basis of the great reward given by God to him.

1. He does this in our lives so he may reward us greatly.
2. When God asks you to give up something, He is really desiring to give you more.

**WHEN GOD ASKS YOU TO GIVE UP SOMETHING HE HAS GIVEN YOU,
HE IS TESTING YOU TO SEE IF YOU ARE READY TO RECEIVE MORE**

(NKJV) Mal 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

III. (NKJV) Ge 22:1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

A. The Midrash says

1. **Take your son --- but I have two sons ”**
2. **Your only son --- “But each is the only son of his mother”**

3. **Whom you love** --- “Is there a limited to my affections, I love both of them”
4. **Even Isaac**
- B. This was to make Isaac even more precious to Abraham. By stressing that he was the only and beloved son.
 1. This was to indicate it would be through Isaac that the blessing would be transferred
- C. The true wording is “Take, I pray thee -I beg thee – Thy Son”
 1. God was asking not demanding
 2. Consider him asking us not to sin so that he may bless us more
(NKJV) Ro 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
- D. This reminds us of his first call
 1. Out of your country
 2. From your kindred
 3. From your father’s house
- E. The similarities of the first and this call are both to give up something
 1. In the Gen 12 he wants him to **give up his past**
 2. Here God wants him to **give up his future.**
 - a. He tells him to take his most precious possession and offer him up
 3. Serving the God we worship means more than making a commitment it means giving up **everything in life we hold dear and following him.**
 4. We must learn that if we will give up everything to follow God there will be a great reward for us!
(NKJV) Mk 10:28 Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” 29 So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with

persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

F. To the mountains of Moriah

(NKJV) 2 Ch 3:1 Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

1. The word Moriah means seeing. The rabbis say it means teaching went forth.
2. It was on these mountains where Christ was sacrificed and all who find him will experience life abundantly as well as eternally.
3. We too must be totally committed to God!

IV. and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

A. Notice God did not tell him the precise place. He just said the mountains of Moriah

1. This is similar to what he told him in
(NKJV) Ge 12:1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.

B. He does not also tell him to sacrifice him. God does not tell us everything he wants us to do. He just wants us to take one day at a time following him. We may never know in the beginning what he intends to do in the end.

C. See how God very seldom will tell you all things at once but desires your obedience in the small things first. He proceeds from line upon line, to precept upon precept, here a little there a little until he reveals his complete purpose. From the general to the specific.

1. Do not expect God to deliver until you have proven yourself faithful in the matters you are responsible for.
2. Stop waiting for something to happen when you have complete instructions for a thing already from God

- D. He will hold us in suspense and then reveal the real meaning of the matter. This is to teach us to realize he will always deliver right on time.
- E. Abraham has no idea of what God is up to but this is going to be an exceeding great blessing for him though it seems to be an exceedingly great sacrifice.

**THE MORE YOU'RE WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR GOD,
THE MORE HE IS WILLING TO GIVE BACK TO YOU**

Abraham shows his faith and trust in God Vs 3-10

- V. (NKJV) Ge 22:3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.
 - A. See Abraham doesn't say another word - *Is this the same man that talked God down when regarding the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah?*
 - 1. He simply says "Here I am"Hineni
 - 2. There comes a time when we hear clearly the voice of God and we should just **Trust And Obey!**

REAL FAITH IS BELIEVING GOD AND ACTING ON IT

- B. There is speculation of why "Early".
 - 1. Because of his desire to be obedient. There is much to be said about rising early to serve God
 - 2. To protect Sarah - She is not mentioned anywhere but there is reason to believe this event had an effect on her.
- VI. (NKJV) Ge 22:3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

- A. Why did he saddle his own donkey and cut the wood for himself, was he not a man with servants? It was because he was disturbed over what he was about to do.
 1. A person will do unusual things when under stress
- B. Consider the things that must have been going through his mind
 1. Surely God said, "He would be the one the blessing would come through"
 2. God promised this, then, how could it come to pass if I offer him up?
 3. Did God give him to me, to take him back? Why?
 4. Can I take the knife and slit his throat? What would be said about me? More what will be said about God? If this boy dies? God would have lied?
 5. Truly God is not a liar, He said this would be the son who the blessing would come through.
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 6. How can it be if I kill him? Truly he must be alive to be the blessing God promised
 - a. Can God Lie? No, God is not a man that he will lie
 - b. But God told me to offer him up, I must be obedient to God, He would not hurt me
 7. Truth to God is a must, Obedience is a must, God is Almighty, If I offer him up as he said to do, is he not the God that create the universe and all that is in it? Did he not create all life?
 8. All things are possible for God, but to lie is not possible for God.
 9. He promised Isaac is the one for the promise, therefore He will raise him up if necessary

C. we must do the same thing. We must reason that God is the creator of the universe.

1. If he asks us to do a thing, he is fully able to repay us for whatever expense we consider we have to go through to serve him.

VII. (NKJV) Ge 22:4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

A. Consider the 3 day journey. Why?

1. To prevent an impulsive response. And to allow him time to consider God's request.
2. Also, to allow him more time of temptation to give up his journey.
 - a. Everyone of us can back out of whatever God tells us to do
 - b. Abraham does not back out. He does not give up. He keeps on pressing on to do as God commanded him to do no matter how difficult it is for him to go forward

Next Week

B. God has a thing about the third day. It is a day of God's revelation (NKJV) Ge 42:14 But Joseph said to them, "It is as I spoke to you, saying, 'You are spies!' 15 In this manner you shall be tested: By the life of Pharaoh, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. 16 Send one of you, and let him bring your brother; and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be tested to see whether there is any truth in you; or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies!" 17 So he put them all together in prison three days. 18 Then Joseph said to them the third day, "Do this and live, for I fear God: 19 If you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house; but you, go and carry grain for the famine of your houses. 20 And bring your youngest brother to me; so your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so.

(NKJV) Ex 5:1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may

hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.’ ” 2 And Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.” 3 So they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days’ journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”

(NKJV) Ex 19:10 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. 11 And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

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(NKJV) Jos 2:16 And she said to them, “Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way.”

(NKJV) Es 4:15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: 16 “Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!” 17 So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.

(NKJV) Es 5:1 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king’s palace, across from the king’s house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.

(NKJV) Ho 6:1 Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. 2 After

two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. 3 Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

(NKJV) Jon 1:17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

(NKJV) Lk 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

(NKJV) Jn 2:1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

- C. He looked up - meaning he saw the cloud of glory to distinguish the right mountain

VIII. (NKJV) Ge 22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

- A. What was the purpose of going up? --- It was to worship.

- 1. There is great reward for worshipping of God!

GOD NEVER ASKED YOU TO DO SOMETHING WITHOUT YOU GETTING SOMETHING BACK IN RETURN.

- 2. Faith is what will keep you serving God when you can see nothing coming back in return.

- a. faith is what will reward you

- B. It is now between the father and the son,

- C. Notice his confidence and trust in God. "the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

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1. See here it too was by faith this occurred. **We too, should, when faced with trials not let our hearts be troubled** God will work a way out for our good.
2. Never forget **“The God Still Reigns” He is almighty GOD!**

IX. (NKJV) Ge 22:6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

A. To show the unity between him and his father.

X. (NKJV) Ge 22:7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

8 And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

A. Isaac asks a question,

1. Like Abraham said before he and Isaac would return to the servants,

B. **God will provide for himself a lamb**

1. Normally in Hebrew the subject follows the verb. (The verb is first) Such as “In the beginning created God”
2. But here the subject is first “God himself” then “will provide”
 - a. Signifies the importance that God will provide!

C. We must have faith that God will provide for our needs also.

D. Isaac not seeing a lamb, was willing to trust that God would provide one.

1. he was willing to go forward not knowing how it was going to come to pass.
2. how many of you are willing to go forward not knowing how things are going to happen?

E. Again, the two go together in unity

XI. (NKJV) Ge 22:9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

A. Imagine now how he felt as he built the Altar.

1. This would take time to build it prolonging his agony.
2. Knowing he would soon tie up his son, His most beloved son
3. Thinking of the fact he would soon have the knife at his throat to slaughter him
4. Think of how much he and Sarah really loved him. But God says he must die!
5. Could there have been any other way?

XII. (NKJV) Ge 22:9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

A. Now we see two forms of faith

1. Active - On the part of Abraham
2. Passive on the part of Isaac
3. It must begin with active and then it ends with passive
 - a. Having done all I can, Now I stand

B. See now did Isaac fight? He could have beat Abraham, he was old now, yet he does his father's will

God recognizes the faith of Abraham

XIII. (NKJV) Ge 22:11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

A. "Abraham! Abraham!"

1. The urgency and importance of the call
 - a. I need your attention right now
2. He calls twice others
 - a. Moses, Moses -- Exo 3 4 the burning bush
 - b. Samuel, Samuel --- 1 Sam 3 10 when Samuel knew to listen

c. Saul, Saul - Act 9 4 to get Paul's attention

IV. (NKJV) Ge 22:12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

ABRAHAM REVEALED HIS FAITH IN GOD BY HIS WORKS

A. Did God change his mind? No! He did not, what did he originally tell Abraham in the Hebrew - TO OFFER HIM UP AS A OFFERING UP. NOT SACRIFICE HIM Vs 2

(NKJV) Ge 22:2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

1. God never told him to slaughter him or sacrifice him, but to present him for sacrifice
2. Take him up,--- now take him down
God provides a substitute and reveals himself

XV. (NKJV) Ge 22:13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

ABRAHAM REVEALED HIS LOVE AND FAITH IN GOD BY HIS WORKS
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<u>GOD NOW REVEALS HIS LOVE AND REWARD TO ABRAHAM</u>
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Abraham names the place

XVI. (NKJV) Ge 22:14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; (*Jehovah Jirah*) as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

FAITH EXEMPLIFIED BY YOUR WORKS WILL REVEAL GOD AS YOUR JEHOVAH JIREH

- A. This test of faith caused Abraham to realize when he was willing to give up much for God, God was willing to provide all he ever needed.
- B. This is what we must come to realize: every sacrifice we make for God, God will give back to us exceedingly much more than we expected.
 - 1. If we continue to be faithful and continue to give and sacrifice by faith to our Lord, just like Abraham, one day we will realize that our God is our Jehovah Jireh!
 - a. Anything we give up in faith for God is worthwhile!

THE MORE WE WORK IN FAITH TO GOD, THE MORE WE RECEIVE FROM GOD

XVII. (NKJV) Ge 22:15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—

17 **blessing I will bless you,** and **multiplying I will multiply** your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

YOUR WORKS OF FAITH NOT ONLY BLESS YOU BUT ALSO BLESS YOUR DESCENDANTS!

- A. God wants to bless you now!
- B. Are you ready to give up your all to him?

(NKJV) Heb 11:6 But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that

NOW SEE THIS!

He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

YOUR WORKS OF FAITH WILL CONTINUALLY BE REWARDED UNTIL GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO YOU AS YOUR JEHOVAH JIREH

(NKJV) 1 Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor (*Works of Faith*) is not in vain in the Lord.

The Great Reward Of Your Works Of Faith
IS
God Revealing Jehovah Jireh in Your Life

From the Five Books of Moses

Genesis 22:1-19

1 Now after these events it was that God tested Avraham and said to him: Avraham!

He said:

Here I am.

2 He said: Pray take your son, your only-one, whom you love, Yitzhak, and go-you-forth to the land of Moriyya/Seeing, and offer him up there as an offering-up upon one of the mountains that I will tell you of.

3 Avraham started-early in the morning, he saddled his donkey, he took his two serving-lads with him and Yitzhak his son, he split wood for the offering-up and arose and went to the place that God had told him of.

4 On the third day Avraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.

C. *Surely he must have every moment desired to here the father say
"Its OK, you don't have to go up"*

5 Avraham said to his lads: You stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad wish to go yonder, we wish to bow down and then return to you.

6 Avraham took the wood for the offering-up, he placed them upon Yitzhak his son, in his hand he took the fire and the knife.
Thus the two of them went together.

7 Yitzhak said to Avraham his father, he said: Father!

He said: Here I am, my son.

He said: Here are the fire and the wood,
but where is the lamb for the offering-up?

8 Avraham said: God will see-for-himself to the lamb for the offering-up, my son.

Thus the two of them went together.

9 They came to the place that God had told him of; there Avraham built the slaughter-site and arranged the wood and bound Yitzhak his son and placed him on the slaughter-site atop the wood.

10 And Avraham stretched out his hand, he took the knife to slay his son.

D. *The Midrash says:*

1. *Tears in Abrahams eyes drop in Isaac's and Isaac's*
2. *Isaac has a vision of the Angels in heaven crying*
3. *"Oh Lord how long will you wait the knife is already at his throat" much more?*

11 But Yhwh's messenger called to him from heaven and said: Avraham! Avraham! He said: Here I am.

12 He said: Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, do not do anything to him! For now I know that you are in awe of God— you have not withheld your son, your only-one, from me.

13 Avraham lifted up his eyes and saw: here, a ram was caught behind in the thicket by its horns! Avraham went, he took the ram and offered it up as an offering-up in place of his son.

14 Avraham called the name of that place: Yhwh Sees. As the saying is today: On Yhwh's mountain (it) is seen.

15 Now Yhwh's messenger called to Avraham a second time from heaven

16 and said: By myself I swear indeed, because you have done this thing, have not withheld your son, your only-one,

17 indeed, I will bless you, bless you, I will make your seed many, yes, many, like the stars of the heavens and like the sand that is on the shore of the sea; your seed shall inherit the gate of their enemies,

18 all the nations of the earth shall enjoy blessing through your seed, in consequence of your hearkening to my voice.

19 Avraham returned to his lads, they arose and went together to Be'er-Sheva. And Avraham stayed in Be'er-Sheva.