

LESSON 6 – TRAVELING ON PROMISE ROAD

Genesis 12-22

THEME: To show the faithfulness of God and the reward of believing God's promises.

How will you answer this question: "Do you always keep the promises you make?" Probably you do not – but God *always* does. In fact, there is one thing He cannot do: He cannot lie. Titus 1:2. Thousands of years may pass before His promise is fulfilled, but if God promised, it will be brought to pass. Hebrews 6:13-18.

Do you remember that back at the beginning of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE* God made a promise to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15? He said that one day a great Conquerer would come to overcome satan. But now the human race has gone off into unrighteousness and there are no righteous people through whom God can work. It looks like satan has won the victory. But has he? By turning left at CONFUSION CORNERS on our chart, we can see what happened.

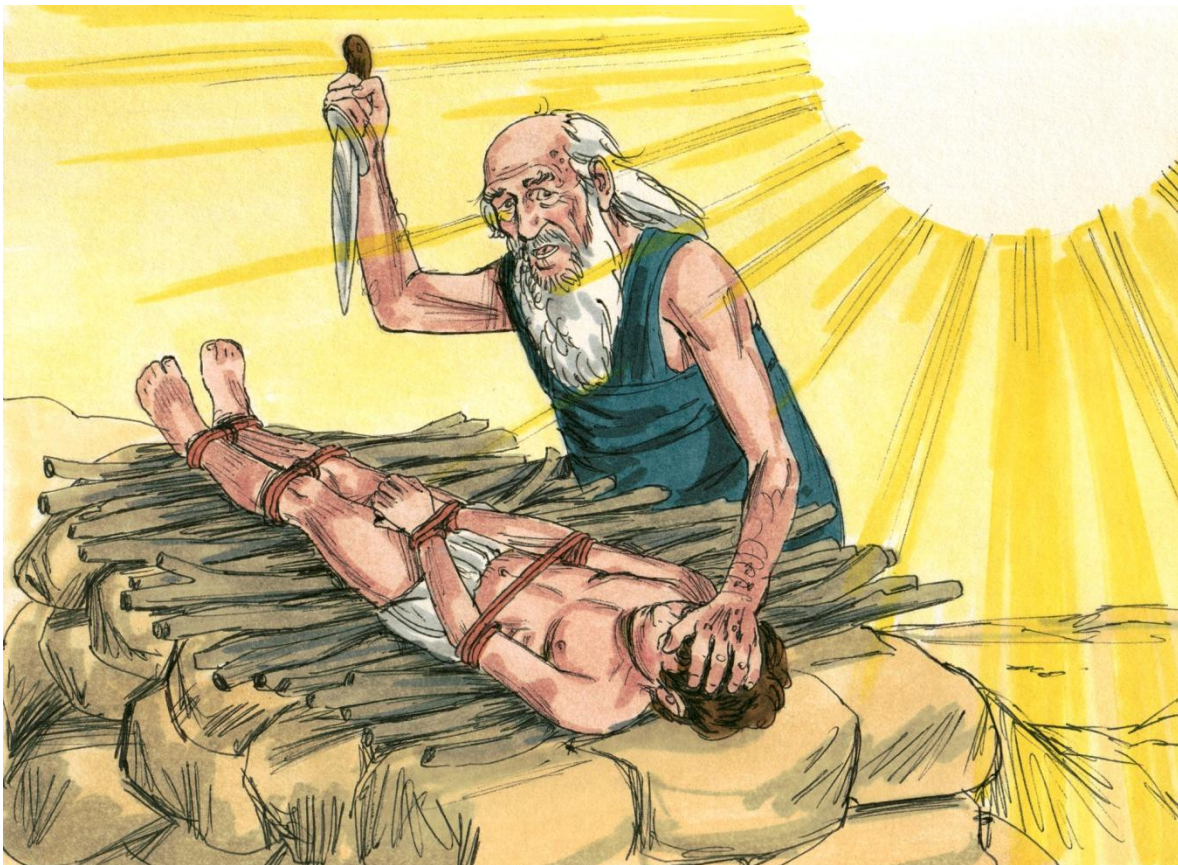
God looked out upon all the nations and chose one man ABRAM through whom to accomplish His purpose:

- a) Abram was a gentile, a non-Jew, when God spoke to him in Ur of the Chaldees (Acts 7:2-4) and in Haran (Genesis 12:1-3).
- b) Abram believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3 and Romans 4:22.
- c) God promised a son to Abram. Genesis 15:2-6.

In obedience to God's call Abram traveled to the land of Canaan. Genesis 12:5. The years were passing and Abram's name was changed to Abraham in Genesis 17:4-5. And the name of Abraham's wife Sarai was changed to Sarah. Genesis 17:15. He and Sarah were growing old, so old that it was naturally impossible for them to have a child. But God did not forget His promise to Abraham. After many years of waiting, the promised son Isaac was born. God had waited to fulfill His promise so this child would be *a miracle child*. At the same time God was also testing Abraham's faith. Abraham passed the test. We read in Romans 4:20 that Abraham did not move from the promise of God.

Isaac grew to become a fine young man. Then came the day when God gave Abraham the greatest test of all. God wanted to find out whether Abraham loved God even more than his own son Isaac. Genesis 22:12.

God spoke to Abraham saying: "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you." Genesis 22:2. This was a difficult test, but the Bible tells us that Abraham remembered God's promise that He was going to bless the world through Abraham's seed. Abraham knew that God was able to raise up Isaac from the dead even if his life should be taken. Hebrews 11:17-19. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. At that very moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said: "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Genesis 22:10-12.



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Abraham looked and behind him was a ram caught in the bushes. He took it and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. Genesis 22:13. Abraham called the place Jehovah-jireh which means *The Lord will provide*.

Did that seem a terribly hard test which God gave Abraham? Yes, it was, but through it God shows us two beautiful truths:

- a) He gives us a picture of His own great love for us in giving His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins. The story of Isaac, is a picture of the submission of Christ's will. Isaac was submissive to his father's will as Abraham led him up the mountain to be laid upon the altar. Christ however, went all the way through death to pay the penalty for sin. He became the ram, the sin-offering to God.
- b) God proves to us His great faithfulness in keeping His promises. Abraham's test was given for our learning. Romans 4:13-25. We too, who work not, but believe in Him who justifies the ungodly, our faith is credited as righteousness. Romans 4:5. First we must believe that Christ died for our sins, was buried and was raised from the dead on the third day. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

Abraham received great rewards and more promises after he passed this test. Genesis 22:15-18. Likewise we receive the promise of all things in Christ at the moment we trust Him and believe God. *God will provide*. Romans 8:28-39.

Let's follow the example of Abraham by not wavering in unbelief but by growing strong in faith, by giving glory to God and by being fully assured that what God has promised He is able also to perform. Next lesson we will attend a wedding on PROMISE ROAD.

MEMORY VERSE: "yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform." Romans 4:20-21.

LESSON 6 – WORK SHEET

1. Fill in the spaces to name these places on the chart:
 - a. _____ Road
 - b. _____ Byway
 - c. _____ Corners

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 - d. Garden of _____
 - e. _____ Liner
2. After the tower of Babel, God called _____ to begin a new plan. Genesis 12:1.
3. God promised 7 things to Abram. Read Genesis 12:1-3 and tell what they were.
 - a. I will make you into a great _____;
 - b. I will _____ you;
 - c. I will make your _____ great;
 - d. You will be a _____;
 - e. I will bless them that _____ you;
 - f. I will curse them that _____ you;
 - g. In you shall all the _____ of the _____ be blessed.
4. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as _____.
Genesis 15:6.
5. God told Abraham to offer his _____ as a burnt _____.
Genesis 22:2.
6. Abraham believed that God was able to _____ up Isaac, even from the dead. Hebrews 11:19.
7. Isaac was a type or picture of our _____. John 3:16
8. Abraham was a type of _____ the Father. John 3:16.
9. God gives us many precious promises. Two of them are:
 - a. Acts 16:31 – Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be _____.
 - b. Philippians 4:19 – And my God will supply _____ according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
10. Write Romans 4:20-21: _____

