

The Manger on Moriah

Intro:

Luke 2:1-7- what are we supposed to see -(video)

Problem:

we many eyes through which we might see Christmas

we have Mary, Elizabeth, Zechariah, John and even the angel Gabriel's perspective in chapter 1

we have the shepherds, the angels, the faithful Simeon and Ana in chapter 2

in Matthews version we have the perspective of Joseph, the wise men, Herod and his advisors, and the town of Bethlehem

and I just saw a movie giving us the perspective of the animals last week

but if we really want to get the full perspective of Christmas we need the perspective of God

to that end let us turn to Genesis 22

Main Idea:

Behold the sacrifice
Behold the obedience
Behold the provision
Behold the blessing
of Christmas

Implication:

from the Father's perspective
from the Son's perspective
from Abraham's perspective
from our perspective?

Application:

Merry Christmas

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/mount-Moriah.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Abraham-Isaac.html>

<https://mitchchase.wordpress.com/2016/01/21/isaac-and-jesus-at-gethsemane/>

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TEXT:

Behold the sacrifice

Gen. 22:1 ¶ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

Gen. 22:2 He said, "**Take 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."

test - Gen 12:7; 13:14-16; 15:1-6; 17:15-19 (must have felt forsaken)

Behold the obedience

Gen. 22:3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Gen. 22:4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.

Gen. 22:5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and **worship** and come again to you."

Gen. 22:6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

Rom 12:1 (a picture of worship - obedience)

Behold the provision

Gen. 22:7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Gen. 22:8 Abraham said, "**God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.**" So they went both of them together.

Gen. 22:9 ¶ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Gen. 22:10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

Gen. 22:11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

Gen. 22:12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

Gen. 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Gen. 22:14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "**On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.**"

Hebrews 11:17-19 (God is able)

Behold the Blessing

Gen. 22:15 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven

Gen. 22:16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

Gen. 22:17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your **offspring (singular)** as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your **offspring (singular)** shall possess the gate of his enemies,

Gen. 22:18 and in your **offspring (singular)** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Gen. 22:19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

Offspring

- Gal 3:16 (Behold the Christmas story)

of Christmas

from the Father's perspective

- Gen 22:2 (first reference to love in OT)

- Matt 3:17 (first occurrence in NT)

- Mark 1:11 (also in Mark)

- Lk 3:22 (also in Luke)

(how much more does God love His Son?)

- Jn 3:16 (the first occurrence in John)

(how much does He love you)

(This is Christmas from the Father's perspective)

from the Son's perspective

- Gen 22:6 (its about the obedience of the Son)

- phil 2:1-11 (how much more obedient is Christ?)

(this is Christmas from the Son's perspective)

from the Spirits perspective

- Gen 22:2, 8, 14; 2 Chron 3:1; John 1:29; 19:17

(how much more is this a fitting name?)

(This is Christmas from Abraham's perspective)

from our perspective?

- Gen 22:18 (salvation for people from every tribe tongue and nation came laying in a manger)

- Rom 8:31-32 (how much better can we know this)

(This should be Christmas from our perspective)