

Communion Meditation – Jesus in Genesis

Genesis 22.1-5 Abraham's Obedience July 18th, 2010

v1-2 ~ Review

1. Abraham was finally at peace ~ business and family
2. But the Saviour has not yet come (no true salvation from sin)
3. Abraham told to sacrifice Isaac (waited 25 years + Isaac's age)
4. Go to land of Moriah ~ same place where temple would be built

v3 ~ Immediate Obedience

- So Abraham rose early ~ sets the tone for all of what is to come
 - No negotiating ~ Sodom & Gomorrah; O that Ishmael . . .
 - *Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He doth; And follow where He guideth;*
- He split the wood for the burnt offering ~ He's an old man
 - This is the greatest sacrifice ~ He won't delegate it and he'll go prepared
- Arose and went to the place of which God had told him
 - Again no delay tactics ~ And he goes where he's been told

v4 ~ Travelling

- For 3 days Isaac was as good as dead ~ no one but Abraham knows
- Jesus was 3 days between death and resurrection ~ 3 days of anguish
- God knew what awaited Jesus ~ none of the disciples did

v5 ~ "We will come back to you"

- Abraham has been through a lot ~ but he believes God without doubt
- WE will come back to you . . .
- He doesn't know how that's possible ~ but he knows with God that it is . . .
- **Heb 11.17-19** ~ "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "*In Isaac your seed shall be called,*" concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense."

Today's message is all about obedience ~ obedience in doing 'hard things'

This table calls us to obedience ~ to immediate obedience without grumbling

It calls for unconditional surrender to the will of God for our lives