

Communion Meditation – Jesus in Genesis

Genesis 22.6-8 Carrying the Wood July 25th, 2010

v1-5 ~ Review

1. God is testing Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac
2. Go to land of Moriah ~ same place where temple would be built
3. Abraham did not quarrel or hesitate ~ he immediately obeyed
4. They've arrived at Moriah and he and Isaac have gone on alone

v6a ~ "Abraham took the wood ... and laid it on Isaac"

- Abraham placed the wood for the offering on Isaac
 - Isaac carried the fuel that would burn him as a sacrifice
 - It was by God's foreordained plan that the cross was placed on Christ

v6b ~ Abraham came prepared to sacrifice

- Abraham is prepared – wood, fire, knife and sacrifice
- *"the two of them went together"*
 - Abraham and Isaac were in agreement – Father and Son
 - Just as God the Father and God the Son were in agreement
 - Jesus said, *"Not My will, but Thy will be done . . ."*

v7 ~ "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb . . ."

- Isaac knows how this works ~ He knows something is off
- He's helped his father do this before many times
- It's obvious his father hasn't shared the awful truth with him

v8 ~ "God will provide for Himself the lamb. . ."

- Abraham tells his son the truth
- Abraham doesn't know the future – but he speaks more truth than he knows

That's where we end the story today . . .

The similarity is that the sacrifice is carrying the wood

The difference is that Jesus knew the purpose – but Isaac did not

In many ways that's still true of us . . .

Jesus knows the true penalty that was exacted on Calvary – We do not