

## Communion Meditation – Jesus in Genesis

Genesis 22.9-14

God Provides a Substitute

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### v1-10 ~ Review

1. God is testing Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac
2. Abraham did not quarrel or hesitate ~ he immediately obeyed
3. Isaac asks "*where is the lamb*" and his father says "*God will provide*"
4. Yet Abraham now has his hand raised about to slay Isaac

### v11 ~ The Angel of the Lord calls out "Abraham, Abraham!"

- Abraham had his hand raised . . .
  - Movies portray life like this ~ "*just in time*" heroics
  - But this is not a movie ~ this is for real

### v12 ~ "Do not . . ."

- God had commanded the sacrifice . . . God now stops it . . .
- It is God's will that rules the earth . . . Not man's . . . Not Satan's . . .
- God's Word defines righteousness . . . Our duty is to conform . . .

### v13 ~ Abraham sacrifices the ram God provided for the occasion

- What Abraham told Isaac has now come true
  - v8 "*God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering*"

### Jesus – the Lamb

- What Abraham told Isaac was true in another way . . .
- Jesus plead with His Father in the garden (**Mt 26.36ff**)
  - **v39** ~ "*Oh Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me*"
- But it was not possible
  - Isaac was spared by a last minute reprieve ~ Jesus was not

The Lord's Supper is a meal ~ a meal consisting of the body and blood of Christ  
The Old Testament saints would eat part of the sacrifice ~ we do the same  
Spiritually, we partake of Christ at this meal, the lamb of God slain for us . . .