

Communion Meditation – Jesus in Genesis

Genesis 22.1-2

Beloved Sons

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Abraham's Happiness

- The long-promised son (*male heir*) had finally come
- Sarah's 14 years of quarelling with Hagar are ancient history
- His men are no longer quarelling (*Lot for pasture, Abimelech for water*)
 - Abraham had just covenanted with Abimelech
 - He has settled down ~ planted a tamarisk tree
 - Picture of peace and tranquility
 - So similar to the start of Job (*before the pain and anguish*)

v2a "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love"

- God does not recognize Ishmael as a legitimate heir
 - Isaac is referred to as Abraham's only son
- This is the first occurrence of the word love in the Old Testament
- The first in NT **M-M-L** is "*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*"
- And in **John** it is **3.16** "*For God so loved the world . . .*"
- First mention of love in Old Testament is in context of Isaac's sacrifice
- First mention of love in New is at baptism of Jesus (*entering ministry*)

v2b "go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering"

- **2 Chr 3.1** ~ "*Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah*"
- Abraham takes Isaac to where the Temple will stand 1,000 years later
- 1,000 after that Jesus is beaten and crucified there

Abraham was at peace ~ But it was a transitory peace (earthly)

True peace is spiritual peace with God ~ That comes at the cost of blood

Abraham's peace was destroyed by God's painful reminder of the penalty of sin

The penalty of sin is death . . . But the gift of God is eternal life . . .

Through the blood of Jesus Christ his only beloved Son