

The Lord Will Provide - Jehovah-Jireh

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I. Jehovah Jireh

A. The story of Abraham's faith/obedience Gen 22:1-17

The testing of faith 1-2

1 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

The obedience of Abraham 3-5

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. 5 Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."

The private journey of Abraham and Isaac, a type of Christ 6-9

6 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 the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Abraham passes the test 10-12

10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

The provisions of the Lord 13-14

13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. 14 Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

Greater blessings declared 15-17

15 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, 16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies."

B. Definition of Jehovah-Jireh

The Lord (Jehovah) will provide (Jireh)

Jehovah-Jireh ("to see ahead or to provide")

Jehovah will see (to it); implying Jehovah will provide

Jireh "will see for himself." The construction means "to look out for; to see to it; to provide."

C. Various notes from commentators

Pink, A. W.; Gleanings in Genesis

Gen 22:8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." These words of Abraham have a double meaning. They tell us that God was the One who should "provide" the "lamb," and they also make known the fact that the lamb was for Himself. God alone could supply that which would satisfy Himself. Nothing of man could meet the Divine requirements. If sacrifice for sin was ever to be found God Himself must supply it. And mark, the "lamb" was not only provided by God but it was also for God. Before blessing could flow forth to men the claims of Divine holiness and justice must be met. It is true, blessedly true, that Christ died for sinners, but He first died (and this is what we are in danger of forgetting) for God, i. e., as the Holy Spirit expresses it through the apostle; "for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Ro 3:26).

Note how this comes out in our passage: it is not "God Himself will provide a lamb," but "God will provide Himself a lamb"-put this way, abstractly, so as to take in both of these truths.

Nelson Study Bible

The-LORD-Will-Provide is developed from the faith statement of Abraham to Isaac in v. 8.

Compare the name of faith that Hagar gave to the Lord, "The-God Who-Sees" (16:13).

Ge 16:13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, " You are a God who sees"; (Lit. El Roi; see my notes from December 1, 2013, God is The All Seeing One)

As God provided a ram instead of Abraham's son, so one day He would provide His own Son!

Wiersbe, W. W.; With the Word Bible Commentary

The name Jehovah-Yireh means "the Lord will see to it" or "the Lord will provide." The ram was God's provision for Isaac, and Jesus Christ is God's provision for the whole world. In this experience, Abraham saw Christ by faith and rejoiced.

JN 8:56 " YOUR FATHER ABRAHAM REJOICED TO SEE MY DAY, AND HE SAW IT AND WAS GLAD."

Willmington's Bible handbook

When the time came to offer the sacrifice, Isaac innocently asked, "Where is the lamb?" and Abraham replied, "God will provide a lamb, my son" (22:8). This one sentence summarizes the Bible's central message-that God would give his own Son as the atonement for sin:

"Where is the lamb?" (Gen 22:7)

"Look! There is the Lamb of God." (John 1:29)

"The Lamb is worthy." (Rev. 5:12)

From Adam Clark's Commentary

Literally interpreted in the margin, "The Lord will see;" that is, God will take care that everything shall be done that is necessary for the comfort and support of them who trust in Him; hence, the words are usually translated, the Lord will provide. God will provide; because His eye ever affects His heart, and the wants He sees His hand is ever ready to supply. But all this seems to have been done under a divine impulse, and the words have been spoken prophetically; hence, "The Lord shall be seen."

D. Jehovah-Jireh - God Gives Prosperity - Bible promises

Matt 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Lk 12:30-32 For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Rom 11:12 Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles

1 Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

1 Cor 3:21 So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you,

2 Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Eph 3:8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,

Phil 4:12-13 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Phil 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

3 John 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

Deut 8:18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Deut 28:11 " The LORD will make you abound in prosperity,

Josh 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

Ps 1:1-3 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Ps 34:9 O fear the LORD, you His saints; For to those who fear Him there is no want.

Ps 35:27-28 And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."

Ps 35:27 And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."

Ps 37:11 But the humble will inherit the land And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Ps 84:11-12 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. Indeed, the LORD will give what is good, And our land will yield its produce.

Ps 112:2-3 ... The generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house,

Ps 122:7 "May peace be within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces."

Prov 13:21 But the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity.

Prov 15:6 Great wealth is in the house of the righteous,

Isa 33:6 And He will be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge;

Isa 45:3 "I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden wealth of secret places,

Isa 60:5 Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you.

II. In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Gen. 22:14 and Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

A. The term ‘mount’ is applied to an isolated mountain or a notable peak or specialized summit within a range.

B. "In the Mount of the Lord"

Was understood by those of Biblical times to mean to go to the Lord, be in His presence, and seek Him, a place and time to approach God

C. Every mount (mountain) in the Bible has significance and symbolism.

The ark landed on Mt. Ararat

Abraham took Isaac to a mountain in the land of Moriah and worshipped God.

This is the place where David worships and stops the pestilence that killed 70,000 men in Israel (1 Chron 21; 2 Sam 24).

And also the very spot where Solomon builds the temple (2 Chron. 3:1).

Moriah is where Jerusalem and the temple were built, later it would be known as Mt Zion. And it was at Jerusalem that the Savior would die.

Many significant events took place on Mt Sinai, (Ex 3:1-4:16; 19-23; 1 Kgs 19:8-18),

God descended upon the mountain at significant times (Ex 19; 1 Kgs 8:27).

Moses spoke to God on Mount Horeb or Sinai

God told Moses he would worship God on Mt. Horeb after the exodus

Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai

God revealed his presence on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:16, 18)

Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel

Jesus preached from a Mount (Mt 5:1)

Jesus prayed on the Mount (Lk 6:12)

Jesus was transfigured on the Mount (Lk 9:28-36).

Jesus meet His disciples on the Mount (Mk 13:3)

Jesus wept over Jerusalem on Mount Olive (Lk 19:41)

D. Significance of Mount Moriah

Definition of Moriah

"visible of the LORD"; "chosen of the LORD"; "provided by Jehovah"; "instruction of God"; "chosen by Jehovah".

Moriah is the place where Abraham took Isaac for sacrifice.

Gen 22:2 He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

Moriah is the mount on which Solomon built the temple.

2 Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

E. Mountains are often used as poetic symbols when describing God or his dealings with his people. Specific mountains are remembered because of their association with important events in the history of Israel. Some of the key events in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ take place on mountain sites.

Mountains and the steadfastness of God

Psa 125:2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever. (Ps 11:1; 90:2; Isa 54:10)

Mountains tremble at God's awesome presence

Psalm 97:5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. (Judg 5:5; Ex 19:16-19; Isa 64:1; Mic 1:3-4; Hab 3:3-6)

The violent physical response to the presence of the holy God evokes a sense of his might and majesty.

Mountains cannot stand before the anger of God

Psalm 18:7 Then the earth shook and quaked; And the foundations of the mountains were trembling And were shaken, because He was angry. (Jer 4:23-26; Nahum 1:5-6; Rev 6:12-14)

Mountains are places of encounter with God

(Ex 34:1-3; 1 Ki 19:11-13; 2 Pt 1:16-18)

Specific mountains were the sites of important events in Israel's history

The mountains of Abarim - site of Israel's camp Nu 33:47-48

Mount Ararat - resting place of Noah's ark Ge 8:1-5

Mount Carmel - scene of Elijah's defeat of the prophets of Baal 1Ki 18:16-40

Mount Ebal - site of cursing;

Mount Gerizim -site of blessing See also Dt 11:29; 27:12-13; Jos 8:30-35

Mount Gilboa - place of Saul's suicide 1Ch 10:1-12; 1Sa 31:1-13; 2Sa 1:4-12

Mount Hermon - a boundary of Israel See also Dt 3:8; Jos 11:16-17; Ps 42:6-7; 89:12

Mount Hor - place of Aaron's death Nu 33:37-39 See also Nu 20:22-29

Mount Nebo - place of Moses' death Dt 32:48-52 See also Dt 34:1-5

Mount Sinai - God gives Moses the law Ex 24:12 ; Ex 31:18; Ne 9:13-14

Mount Tabor - scene of Sisera's defeat Jdg 4:12-16

Mountains as the sites of significant events in the NT

On the Mount of Temptation

the devil offers Jesus the kingdoms of the world Mt 4:8-9; Lk 4:5-7

In the Sermon on the Mount

Jesus teaches about life in the kingdom of God Mt 5:1-2

On the Mount of Transfiguration

Christ's glory is revealed Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Lk 9:28-36

On the Mount of Olives

Jesus teaches about the destruction of the temple and the last things Mt 24; Mk 13

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