

Sermon Notes

Trust God to Provide the Substitute

Genesis 22

Intro: is the God of the Bible good? Can we follow him?

1. An astonishing story at the beginning of the Bible...

a) Say what?! Isaac has to die... what on earth is going on???
(1-4)

- Given God's own ethics? [Deut. 12:21 & 18:10-12]
- Given God's own character? [Gen 21:14, 16-17]
- Given God's own promises? [Gen 17:19&21, 21:12]

b) Abraham's Faith (5-10):

This can't finally end in death

God will provide the lamb



c) The Key Lesson (11-14):

God will provide...

the substitute-son sacrifice

d) God's promises to Abraham's family now utterly guaranteed! (15-19)

2. ...Prepares the way for the astounding story at the centre

Ram at Moriah → **Christ's Cross, the NEEDED SUBSTITUTION:**

'he was pierced for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5 esv, cf. Rom. 5:6)

Abraham → **God, the LOVING FATHER:**

'God so loved the world he gave his only son' (John 3:16 esv, cf. Rom 8:32)

Isaac → **Jesus, the WILLING SON:**

'I have come to do your will' (Hebrews 10:9 esv, cf. Matthew 26:39-42)

The Oath → **Christ's ONE OBEDIENT ACT SECURING GOD'S PROMISES**

'...when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Heb 10:12-14esv, Heb 6:13-20)