



The God who Goes Before

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1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

PSALM 139:1-3



4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. 5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

PSALM 139:4-6



2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." 3 **Early the next morning** Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 **On the third day** Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. **We will worship and then we will come back to you.**"

GENESIS 22:2-5

6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

GENESIS 22:6-8

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

GENESIS 22:9-12

13 Abraham **looked up** and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "**On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.**"

GENESIS 22:13-14



**How do we live as those whom
the Lord goes before?**



1. EAGER TO RESPOND



3 **Early the next morning** Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

GENESIS 22:3



2 I will go before you and will level the mountains;
I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. 3 I will
give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you
may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by
name.

ISAIAH 45:2-3



2. SPEAK OFTEN OF HIS PROMISES



4 **On the third day** Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. **We will worship and then we will come back to you.**" 8 Abraham answered, "**God himself will provide** the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

GENESIS 22:4, 8

8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

DEUTERONOMY 31:8



3. LOOK UP



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