PROMISE, PROCESS AND PROVISION

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Psalm 66:2

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, will show you."

- "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.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

place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

- 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

the knife. As the two of them went on together,

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." ⁵ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and

answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt

offering, my son." And 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

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him his son.

- 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

sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to

- ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."
- ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so
- in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

- HEBREWS 11:17-19

¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, your son, your only son."

- "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

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."

good, pursuing their own imaginations—3 a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick.

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' 2 All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not

ISAIAH 65:1-5

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