“God Will Provide The Lamb”

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Text: Gen. 22:8; Heb. 9:22-28

### Intro

1. Gen. 22:8
	1. God told Abraham to take his “son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac” and sacrifice him on a mountain in Moriah, which God would direct him to *(Gen. 22:1-6).*
	2. When the two of them were alone, Isaac asked, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” *(Gen. 22:7)*
	3. Abraham answered, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering” (Gen. 22:8).
	4. An angel of the Lord stopped Abraham from the deed and provided a ram so that place was called, “The Lord Will Provide” *(Gen. 22:9-14).*
	5. God restated His promise to bless “all the nations of the earth” through Abraham because he obeyed the voice of the Lord (Gen. 22:15-18).
		1. *Heb. 11:17-19: He had faith God would raise Isaac from the dead (nothing like that even recorded up to that point!)*
	6. God reminded Abraham that Isaac was his “son, your only son” three times (22:2, 12, 16)
2. Here in Gen. 22, Abraham can be seen as a “type” of God (foreshadow):
	1. He was willing to give up his “only son,” through whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed!
	2. *Gal. 3:6-29:* Christ is fulfillment of that promise made to Abraham (Gal. 3:14, 29; 4:4).
	3. *Jn. 3:16; I Jn. 4:9:* God “gave” (“sent”) His “only begotten” Son to redeem the world!
3. Why did God need to provide the Lamb? (for sins) – Why did Jesus have to die?
	1. Jn. 1:29: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
	2. Man’s need for Jesus (the Lamb of God) is seen throughout history in man’s failure to do what is right!
		1. Heb. 9:22-28: “Without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (9:22).
		2. Blood of animals could not remove sin – *Heb. 10:4*
		3. Heb. 10:10-14: Christ was the necessary Lamb, the “sacrifice for sins for all time.”
4. History shows man’s need for “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

#### Adam & Eve

* 1. Blessings:
		1. Were first created beings.
		2. Were given the right to name all the animals *(Gen. 2:19-20).*
		3. In a place to suit all their needs.
		4. Given two rules:
			1. To “cultivate it and keep it” *(Gen. 2:15).*
			2. Not to eat “from the tree of the knowledge of good & evil” *(Gen. 2:16-17).*
		5. You would think they had it made!
	2. Actions:
		1. Gen. 3:1-6: They ***both*** ate of the “forbidden fruit” (3:6).
		2. Gen. 3:16-19, 24: God gave to woman pain in childbirth; man was forced to work to eat, and God drove them out of the garden.
	3. The first human beings failed God’s commands and fell from His grace: The Lamb of sacrifice was needed!

#### Noah and Mankind After the Flood

* 1. Blessings:
		1. Despite the wickedness in the world (Gen. 6:5-7), Noah found grace (favor) in the eyes of the Lord – Gen. 6:8
		2. *Gen. 6:13-21:* God gave Noah the means of salvation, to build a boat, and made a promise to deliver him and his family.
		3. *Gen. 6:22:* Noah did all that was commanded him.
		4. *Gen. 9:11-16:* God made a covenant (promise) to Noah and to all the earth to never again destroy it with a flood, and sealed it with His “bow” in the clouds.
		5. You would think they had it made! (Similar to Adam & Eve – Fresh start)
	2. Actions:
		1. Gen. 9:1: God commanded them to fill the earth.
		2. *Gen. 11:1-9:* The people all stayed together in one place, and had decided to build a tower into heaven!
		3. God forced them to disperse and “confused” their languages.
	3. Man (with a fresh start) still didn’t attain God’s righteousness, but failed His commands: The Lamb of sacrifice was needed!

#### Israel

* 1. Blessings:
		1. *Gen. 12:2-3; 15:13-14:* God made a promise with Abraham, to make a nation from his descendants.
		2. *Ex. 3:7-10:* God told Moses the time for deliverance of Israel was at hand.
		3. Given the statutes and laws of God to know how to please Him!
			1. *Deut. 26:16-17:* They accepted them and made a covenant with God to keep them!
		4. Taken from slavery and made a great nation!
			1. *Deut. 26:18-19:* Made special above all other nations of the earth!
		5. They were given privileges and blessings beyond any other nation!
	2. Actions:
		1. II Chr. 36:15-16: They rejected God till “there was no remedy.”
		2. Neh. 9:13-17: Nehemiah summed up their attitudes toward God…
			1. “But they and our fathers acted proudly, hardened their necks, and did not heed Your commandments” *(Neh. 9:16)*.
		3. Mt. 23:29-32, 37: Jesus said of Israel: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!”
	3. Having the Law of God, Israel as a nation failed to keep her covenant with God: The Lamb of sacrifice was needed!

#### Israel in Jesus’ Day

* 1. Blessings:
		1. Saw the coming of the Messiah (Christ), the fulfillment of the promise of God to bless all nations *(Gen. 12:3).*
		2. Non-Jews saw it and rejoiced! *(Mt. 2:1-2: Magi from the east)*
		3. They saw Scripture fulfilled in their hearing (Lk. 4:21).
		4. They met and reasoned with the Son of God in the flesh!
		5. Surely they would have taken the chance to do it right!
	2. Actions:
		1. Mt. 16:1; 22:15: They tested Christ, trying to trap Him in His words.
		2. *Mt. 23:* They were called hypocrites and the sons of their forefathers! *(Jn. 8:44: Sons of the devil!)*
		3. Mt. 21:43: Jesus said the kingdom was removed from them!
		4. *Mt. 26-27:* They conspired, broke their own laws, falsely accused Jesus (breaking the Laws of God), and delivered Him to the Romans to be crucified.
		5. Acts 7:51-53: The Jews’ failings summed up in stating that though they had God’s divine law they did not recognize the “Big Picture” of redemption and murdered the Christ!
		6. People physically able to see and touch the Lord, who saw His miracles (Jn. 12:9-11), put to death the Son of God! (Acts 2:23, 36)
	3. Having Christ in their midst, the Jews chose their traditions over God’s laws and did not obey the Son of God: The Lamb of sacrifice was needed!

#### Mankind Today

* 1. Blessings:
		1. Made Free from sin in Christ – Jn. 8:36; Gal. 5:1
		2. Able to be adopted into God’s family, made fellow heirs with Christ – *Rom 8*
		3. The completed Scriptures – Jude 3 (History since creation in hindsight (20/20))
		4. With the completed word of God, you would think we had it made!
	2. Actions:
1. Rom. 2:16; 14:12: We will give account for our deeds (II Cor. 5:10).
2. We will not be able to “ride the faith” of another.
	* + 1. Jews wanted to claim righteousness on basis of Abraham *(Jn. 8:33, 39)*
			2. It did not matter how righteous Noah, Abraham, or Moses were, it was up to the people to behave accordingly.
3. We will be held accountable for how we respond to God’s Son.
4. Man seeks to remove God from education; and teaches evolution.
5. Societies the world over teach the world will flood (Global Warming) despite the covenant God made with man *(Gen.9:11-16).*
6. People claim to be religious and pervert the word of God to their own ends.
7. Immorality of every kind is not only advertised but also celebrated!
	1. Man today is making same mistakes as Israel did, rejecting God and His commandments: The Lamb of sacrifice is needed!

## Conclusion

1. Because of the failings of man God had prepared the Lamb before man’s creation:
	1. Eph. 1:3-7: The plan of redemption was set in place before the foundation of the world!
	2. Christ’s blood frees us from sin! We have every reason to rejoice in His sacrifice!
	3. Rom. 4:23-25: Jesus “was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification!” *(Rom. 5:8: He loved us – Jn. 15:13)*
2. “Why did God ***need*** to provide the Lamb?”
	1. Man has always needed forgiveness, thus, man needs Christ, the Lamb of God!
	2. Heb. 9:26-28:
		1. Jesus “would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world.”
		2. Christ’s blood was necessary for sin, and because of man’s failings since the “foundation of the world” He was sacrificed “once to bear the sins of many.”
		3. Christ “will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin.”
	3. He sacrificed Himself once for sin; when He returns it will be for judgment.
		1. *II Cor. 5:10; II Thess. 1:7-9:* Those who have not obeyed will be punished.
3. God provided the Lamb of Ultimate Sacrifice *(“for sins for all time” – Heb. 10:12)* and His blood washes sin away! *(Acts 22:16; Eph. 1:7; NKJ: Rev. 1:5)*
4. Man has failed in keeping the commands of God throughout time; ***What will be our part?***
	1. Will we stand out like Noah? Like Abraham? Like Moses? Like David? Like the apostles?
	2. Will we be counted among the wicked on whom will fall God’s wrath? *(Eph. 5:6)*
	3. Will we see our need for Christ and obey Him to the “salvation of our souls?” *(I Pet. 1:9; Heb. 5:8-9)*
5. God has provided the Lamb of sacrifice, let us obey Him, having our sins washed away, and live with Him forever!
6. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized (washed in the blood)!
7. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!