

Wednesday night, 6/28/06

Genesis: The Battle for Beginnings
Week Thirteen

Genesis 22:1-14

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 2Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." 3Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled 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. 4On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5He 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." 6Abraham 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, 7Isaac 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?" 8Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. 9When 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. 10Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11But 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." 13Abraham 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. 14So 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."

I. The Way of the Cross

Moriah was a _____ place chosen by God.

Moriah reminds us that nothing can _____ the plans of God.

Revelation 13:8

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

II. The Woe of the Cross

The table of sacrifice was _____ so the table of salvation could be _____.

Mark 14:33

He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

We can better understand God's _____ by seeing Abraham's _____.

III. The Willingness of the Cross

Isaac is a picture of ultimate _____ to the will of God.

John 10:17-18

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

The only man Jesus refused to save was _____.

IV. The Weight of the Cross (vs. 6)

Both Isaac and Jesus marched up Moriah with _____ on their _____.

Isaac is a picture of the _____.

John 19:17-18

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. 17Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). 18Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

V. The Work of the Cross

Sin has _____ power, _____ power, and _____ power.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

VI. The Word of the Cross

God's Word shows up _____ and _____.

Isaac now becomes a picture of _____ humanity.

The Word of the cross is "God has _____."