

Hebrews Bible Study- Year 2

Lesson 12 Questions / Hebrews 11:17-19

Abraham: Faith Proven Through Testing

Think about it.

In this week's lesson, the author returns to the faith of Abraham, highlighting a hugely significant test in the patriarch's life: the sacrifice of Isaac, the promised seed. Through Abraham's testimony of faith, believers can learn much about the role of testing in their life. They can be assured that regardless of how difficult the circumstances may be the promises of God will never fail them.

Describe a time of testing in your life. How was your faith challenged? How did it grow?

Were there any promises of God that became especially meaningful to you during this time? If so describe. _____

Read Hebrews 11:17-19.

1. What is Abraham commended for in this verse? What event is described?

2. In verse 17, which promises of God are being referenced? See Gen. 12:1-3, 15:1-6, 21:12

3. Read the full account of Abraham's testing in Gen. 22.

- a. Summarize what God commanded Abraham to do. _____

b. Describe some problematic aspects to God's command. _____

c. Describe Abraham's response writing down anything noteworthy you observe. _____

4. Why do you think Abraham obeyed so completely? _____

5. Had obedience been the consistent pattern of Abraham's life prior to this event?

Explain. See Gen. 12:4, 10-20, 13:4, 15:6, 16:1-3, 17:1-3, 20:1-2 _____

6. It is stated very specifically that this event in Abraham's life was a test from God. In other words, it was planned. Using the following verses, write down reasons that God tests His children.

a. Exodus 16:4 _____

b. 2 Chronicles 32:31 _____

c. James 1:12-14 _____

d. I Peter 1:3-7 _____

e. I Peter 4:12-19 _____

f. Hebrews 12:3-11 _____

7. Why is it important to understand that God tests us but does not tempt us? James 1:12-15 _____

8. How did the purposes God had for the testing of Abraham extend beyond the patriarch's own faith? In other words, what else was God teaching through this test? How was the event foreshadowing Jesus? _____

9. In what ways does the story of Abraham and Isaac encourage your faith? How can the truths of this lesson help you to have a higher view of God's love for you? How can it help you to be more submissive to His will? _____
