

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH
TWO FATHERS
FATHER'S DAY SERVICE
MORNING, JUNE 18, 2023

KEY TEXTS: GENESIS 22:1-19; EPHESIANS 1:3-14

INTRODUCTION:

- God called Abram out of the land of his birth, and made him a promise to bless all the nations of the earth through his s_____ (Gen 12)

I/ EXPOSITION: GENESIS 22:1-19

- God t_____ Abraham's faith
- the test was to sacrifice his son Isaac
- the trial was specific and detailed, and could not be more objectionable to a father
- Abraham rose early and saddled his donkey
- everything in this verse indicates Abraham's resolution to o_____ the Lord
- Abraham did not tell the men that travelled with them that he was going to kill Isaac, because they might have tried to s_____ him
- did Abraham speak directly about the M_____ (John 8:56), knowing He had been slain from the f_____ of the world (Rev 13:8)?
- Isaac's full cooperation was required, and he fully s_____
- it is as if Abraham's hand was on the way down when God restrained him
- God was pleased that Abraham did not withhold his o_____ s_____
- God provided a sacrifice to offer as a substitute for Isaac
- God reaffirmed His c_____ with Abraham

II/ APPLICATION: TWO FATHERS

1. Abraham, the FAITHFUL Father

- Abraham was obedient - he was c_____ as having actually sacrificed Isaac (Heb 11:17, Jas 2:21)
- from a fatherly perspective, what was Abraham thinking?
- what God required goes against all a father's a_____
- but Abraham's f_____ was locked onto God's trustworthiness
- if Isaac died, how could the covenant blessing be received? Did Abraham think God would r_____ up Isaac from the dead?
- regardless of what was in his heart, we could see the f_____ of a heartbroken father

2. God, the COMPASSIONATE Father

- there is a connection between God and Abraham - both fathers l_____ their sons, and the lives of their sons are in danger!
- what cannot be denied is the fatherly c_____ of the LORD, sparing Abraham from having to kill Isaac
- but this is not just about Abraham: our very s_____ is at stake

- God made a c_____ before the foundation of the world to redeem His people (Eph 1:3-14)
- God was committed to the d_____ of Christ
- God knows we can become c_____
- God loves to bless His people, but wants us to be m_____ of the cost of saving us - His only Son