
Sermon Text Discussion Notes 10/20/2019

Genesis 22:1-18 – “The Testing of Abraham’s Faith & His Faithful Response” by Edgar Momoh

Overview

Many of us are quite familiar with the story of Abraham’s near sacrifice of his son Isaac. If we are honest with ourselves, we might find this story strange, or even problematic. We need to look at this well-known story with fresh perspective. As we hear this story afresh, we will see three different movements:

1. **God’s Request**
 - a. The Background of the Request (Genesis 22:1; 12:1-3)
 - b. The Nature of the Request (22:2)
2. **Abraham’s Response (22:3-14)**
 - a. The Immediacy of the Response (v.3)
 - b. The Agony of the Response (v.4)
 - c. The Hope of the Response (v.5-8)
 - d. The Finality of the Response (v.9-14)
3. **God’s Reward (22:15-19)**

Quotations

“Just like Abraham was willing to kill his only son as a burnt offering to God, so did our heavenly Father give his only Son to die as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. However, while Isaac’s life was spared by the death of the ram in his place, Christ died in our place.” -Edgar Momoh

Understanding & Application

- 1) We see God make a difficult request to Abraham in Genesis 22:1-2. What different aspects of Abraham’s response does the Bible highlight (22:3-14)? Are you at all surprised by the way that he responds?
- 2) Edgar shared different examples of deep trials from his personal life, highlighting ways that God has revealed his faithfulness to him despite the challenges. How have you recently seen God’s faithfulness in your own life – whether in mundane or extraordinary ways?
- 3) Scripture describes and depicts suffering and trials as normal in the lives of believers. Such suffering may be due to the fallenness of this world, the sins of others, due to our own sin, or due to our faith in Jesus.

Where else does Scripture speak to this reality of suffering? And how might you prepare now to persevere through trials as they inevitably come?

- 4) God’s Spirit often brings one particular truth or emphasis to our mind as we sit under the preaching of his Word. Take a moment to reflect on the one main truth God wanted you to hear on Sunday. For example,
 - Did God freshly remind you of his faithfulness and his love for you?
 - Have you been provoked to live a life of costly obedience like Abraham?
 - Has God called you to surrender something to him?

Share with your group how this truth from God’s Word changes how you hope to live tomorrow.