

Genesis 22:1

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Chuck Smith's sermon on Genesis 22:1 explores Abraham's profound faith and the fellowship of suffering in God's plan for humanity.

Scripture: Genesis 22:1

Topics: "Faith and Suffering", "Fellowship With God"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the profound fellowship that God desires with humanity, illustrated through Abraham's journey and his ultimate test of faith in offering Isaac. This final appearance of God to Abraham highlights the themes of trust, suffering, and the promise of resurrection, as Abraham believed that God would provide. The sermon draws parallels between Abraham's experience and God's love for His own Son, showcasing the depth of divine fellowship through shared suffering. Smith encourages believers to embrace the fellowship of suffering as a vital aspect of their relationship with God.

Transcript

"FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING"

Intro: God created man for fellowship. He desires fellowship with you. The story of Abraham is a man being drawn into full fellowship with God. "Friend of God." We haven't cried together.

I. THIS IS THE SEVENTH AND FINAL APPEARANCE OF GOD TO ABRAHAM.

A. First in the Ur of the Chaldees and later at Haran called to leave land a family.

1. Fellowship with discontentment of God with surrounding world order.

2. "I can't feel at home in this world anymore."

B. Next when He showed him the land where the purposes of God were to be worked out.

1. Abraham built an altar unto the Lord.

C. God promised Him a son.

1. Fellowship with patience of God.

D. Strange night vision.

1. Horror of darkness.

2. The lamp moving amongst the sacrifices.

3. The predicted bondage of Egypt before the coming back to take land.

4. Fellowship with the hope of God.

E. Next where God revealed Himself as El Shaddai. "God Almighty" or all sufficient.

1. God is sufficient.

2. Fellowship of trust.

F. Next was prior to the destruction of Sodom where Abraham interceded.

1. Fellowship with the righteousness and justice of God.

G. The call to offer his son.

1. Fellowship of the suffering of God.

2. To understand fully. - John 3:16.

a. "Thine only son whom thou lovest."

1. First mention of love in Bible.

2. Father's love for his son.

b. Jesus said, "For the Father loves me.

c. Yet, "God so 'loved the world."

II. ABRAHAM'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE.

A. Note the often repetition of "and."

1. Form of Hebrew figure of speech known as polysyndeton to show continuity and persistence.

B. The faith of Abraham revealed in message to servants.

1. And I and the lad will go and worship and come again.

2. Abraham was expecting Isaac to return with him. Why?

a. God had promised to Abram through Isaac shall thy seed be called.

b. At this point Isaac childless.

c. Abraham believed in the resurrection of his son when he offered him.

3. The gospel Paul preached - I Cor. 15.

a. "Christ died for our sins according to..."

b. "Was buried and rose the third day according to the scriptures"

Where?

C. Abraham was acting out a drama that would one day unfold into reality as God was bringing him into fellowship of His suffering.

1. This is the point of fellowship where many half.

2. Paul in Phil., "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection."

So many stop there, and the fellowship of His suffering.

III. ABRAHAM'S PROPHECY.

A. "God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering."

B. Called the place "Jehovah-Jireh" in the mountain of the Lord it shall be seen.

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