

“What Should I Do?”

“Some time later God tested Abraham...Then God said,
‘Take your son, your only son, whom you love – Isaac –
and go to the region of Moriah.

Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.’”

Genesis 22:1-2 (NIV)

Undoubtedly the command of God confused Abraham and broke his heart. The Lord had promised Abraham that Isaac would father a great nation but if Isaac died the promise would be null and void. Obviously the command did not make sense. It was contrary to what God had prophesied.

What should Abraham do? What should we do when we see our child disabled by disease or accident?

As we read through Genesis 22, three actions on Abraham’s part become clear. First, in the context of looming disaster Abraham obeyed God.

What must have happened in Abraham’s mind was a fight to submit when all his instincts were pushing him in the opposite direction. Many parents have been in similar situations as Abraham in that they have

watched helplessly as a beloved child sinks lower and lower toward the grave. The doctors have told them there is nothing that can be done to reverse the descent. What should they do? What can they do?

In order to obey the Lord we must possess a submissive spirit. In relating to our Creator we must accept the fact that the Infinite One will act in some ways that we cannot understand. We do not even understand over 90% of our universe – which is dark matter and dark energy. So if we cannot explain the world in which we live, how can we possibly understand the One who spoke everything into existence? Such lack of comprehension should cause our humility to grow and make submissions easier.

So our first lesson today is to that we must earnestly seek to humble ourselves as we are caught up in

God’s “mysterious ways” and find ourselves unable to understand what He is doing with us.

Using your concordance to look up the many appearances of the word “humble”, you will quickly see that it is God’s command for His people and when we obey we shall have the Lord draw near to us with blessing.

Abraham humbled himself and obeyed the strange command of God. Will you do the same when life seems to turn against you? Never forget that God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). Obedience is the sure way to grace and blessing. You will never regret humbling yourself before the Lord and obeying His unusual directives.

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