

Sunday 5th July 2020: 10.30 Worship Online

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The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, by the obedience
of Jesus

You brought salvation to our
wayward world:

Draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things r
estored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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Sermon Summary: Sunday 28th June 2020: **Trinity 3**

Genesis 22: 1-14 Andrew Cannon **Abraham Tested**

This is the latest in our series of Sermons on the life of Abraham.

We have heard how he was visited by God and by Angels, who told him that his SON Isaac would be born. Abraham and his wife, Sarah laughed in disbelief.

We have heard a "Tale of 2 Sons" and "2 cities", how Hagar and Ishmael were sent into the desert, yet how Ishmael was still loved even though he wasn't the child of God's promise.

We have heard about the higher calling on our lives towards a city **"whose Architect and builder is God"** That brings us to this week's well known passage, when God says to Abraham that he must sacrifice his precious, promised son, Isaac.

This is a strange request and this is no ordinary test. Abraham must have wondered:

What is going on? We can only imagine:

What he was thinking.... but he trusts God. This test is for Abraham, who, by going through it, will learn just how much better things are when he trusts God...

Of course Abraham, hadn't always done so— as we learned last week- but he passes this test. Imagine how he must have felt when God provided the sacrifice instead of Isaac. In V12, God says: **"Stop!"** In Vv16-18, God says: ***"because you have done this ... I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the sea-shore... and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."***

Because Abraham obeyed God, his descendants will see that it is good for them to do the same. It was good, not only for Abraham but for many others too.

It's the same for us:

Only when we hold on to God, will we see just how good God is.

Pray for: **Mary B, Margaret, Jo, Isobel, Iris, Patrick, Amie & Noela, +Karowei,**

Thankyou!

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