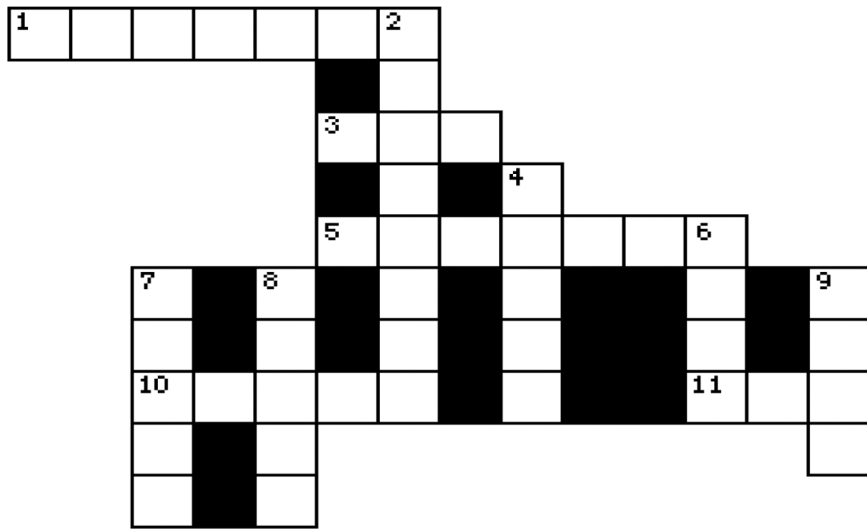


# Abraham Offers Isaac



- 8 DOWN "By \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son." HEBREWS 11:17
- 4 DOWN "And He said, 'Take now your son, your only son \_\_\_\_\_ whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah.'" GENESIS 22:2
- 3 ACROSS "So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which \_\_\_\_\_ had told him." GENESIS 22:3
- 10 ACROSS "Then on the \_\_\_\_\_ day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off." GENESIS 22:4
- 1 ACROSS "And Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and \_\_\_\_\_, and we will come back to you.'" GENESIS 22:5
- 9 DOWN "Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, 'My father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' And he said, 'Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the \_\_\_\_\_ for a burnt offering?'" GENESIS 22:7
- 5 ACROSS "And Abraham said, 'My son, God will provide \_\_\_\_\_ a lamb for a burnt offering.' And the two of them went together." GENESIS 22:8
- 7 DOWN "Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an \_\_\_\_\_ there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood." GENESIS 22:9
- 6 DOWN "But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' And He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you \_\_\_\_\_ God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.'" GENESIS 22:11-12
- 11 ACROSS "Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a \_\_\_\_\_ caught in a thicket by its horns." GENESIS 22:13
- 2 DOWN "And Abraham called the name of the place, The -LORD-Will-Provide, as it is said to this day, 'In the Mount of the LORD it shall be \_\_\_\_\_.'" GENESIS 22:14



# GOD WILL PROVIDE THE LAMB

By Paul Dallgas-Frey

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So Abraham and Isaac walked on together. Abraham couldn't say a word. After they had been walking a while, Isaac said, "Father?"

"Yes, my son," Abraham said.

"We have the wood for the sacrifice and the fire, but where is the lamb?"

That question must have nearly broken his father's heart.

But, God had promised Abraham that through him many people would be blessed. And God always keeps his promises.

"God will provide the lamb," Abraham said. He probably didn't even know what he was saying. He didn't understand, but he trusted God.

The two walked up the mountain in silence. Abraham couldn't have loved his son more. How hard that walk must have been.

When they got to the top of the mountain, Abraham built an altar. He laid the sticks of wood on the altar, and then he tied his son with rope and laid him on the wood. His heart was breaking. Still, he trusted that God was good. He couldn't understand why he had to sacrifice his son. He only knew that God had commanded it.

Abraham took out his knife and raised it in the air. Just then the angel of the Lord called out, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," Abraham said.

"Do not harm your son Isaac," the angel said. And Abraham put down the knife.

God said to Abraham, "Because you were willing to sacrifice your only son, by you truly will all people be blessed."

Just then Abraham saw a ram tangled by its horns in a nearby bush. Here was the animal for his sacrifice.

God HAD provided the lamb - just like Abraham said he would!

And so Abraham called the place on that mountain "The Lord Will Provide."

But, why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice his only son?

It was part of God's plan.

God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac for us. Because Abraham obeyed God, when we hear this story we can just begin to understand what it must have been like for God when he sent HIS only son Jesus to die on the cross for us. How hard that must have been for God.

God knew that Jesus would be like the ram Abraham found caught in the thorny bushes (remember, Jesus had thorns around his head too, just like the ram in the thicket).

When Jesus died on the cross, he took the punishment for our sins. He took the punishment for all the bad things we will ever do. God sent Jesus to take our place just like he sent the ram to take Isaac's place.

And here is the amazing, wonderful thing. Because God was willing to sacrifice his only son for us, and because Jesus was willing to die for us - we are blessed. Everyone who believes in Jesus will live with him forever.

God provided the lamb to save Isaac's life.

Jesus is the lamb God has provided to save our lives!

What at first seems so terrible, turns out to be the most amazing, wonderful thing.

God HAS provided the lamb!