

# **“The Lord Will Provide”**

Knowing God Deeper, part 1, Insights from Gen. 22  
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## **I. The Critical Test (Gen. 22:1-2)**

- **“After these things ...”** v1a
- **“God tested Abraham ...”** v1b
- **“Take your only son ...”** v2a
- **“Isaac whom you love ...”** v2b

## **II. The Confident Response (Gen. 22:3-10)**

- **“So Abraham rose early ...”** v3
- **Isaac / wood / knife** v3-4
- **“We will return ...”** v5
- **“God will provide ...”** v8

*By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.*

*Hebrews 11:17-19 (ESV)*

## **III. The Dynamic Name (Gen. 22:11-14)**

- **“Angel of the Lord ...”** v11
- **“Now I know ...”** v12
- **“Ram instead of son ...”** v13-14
- **“Adonai Yireh” - *The Lord will provide*** v14

## **This Week's GPC Discussion Guide:**

Welcome to the first week our 10 week study and discussion based on our current Sunday series at GPC called, "Knowing God Deeper". Each week we will read and reflect on of the names of God found in the Old Testament. Each of these names are windows into an aspect of God's character. The more we understand God's character, the deeper we can know God personally, increase our trust in Him and experience His peace.

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships in the coming weeks.

Each week, we will be using the same set of questions as we focus in on the ten different names of God that will be the focus of this series.

### **Getting Started ...**

In the last seven days or so, what has encouraged you (big or small) that we can rejoice with you over? ... and / or ... what has challenged you, stretched you, possibly brought some discouragement your way (big or small) ... that we can offer our support and prayers for each other?

### **Quick Review ...**

Let's reflect on this week's name of God. From the passage where this name shows up, and what was taught on Sunday, and looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

### **Digging Deeper:**

What does this name for God mean to you personally?

Have you experienced the meaning of this name before?

When? How did it impact you? What thoughts came out of that experience?

How do you feel emotionally when you think of the meaning of this name? What do you think God wants you to remember and live in light of about this particular name of God?

## **Some more questions to consider for further reflection ....**

1. Abraham was asked to let go of his most prized possession.

What is one thing that you have had to let go over this past year of testing?

2. Why was Isaac especially loved by Abraham?

3. Abraham let go of Isaac but also believed God could resurrect him if needed.

Is there something in your personal life journey that God has resurrected?

4. How is Isaac a picture of Yeshua / Jesus?

How is the lamb a picture of Yeshua?

5. What has God provided in your life that you are very thankful for?

### **Praying Together:**

Let's be sure to spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.