

ROOTS
A Study in Genesis



LESSON 14 GENESIS 21-22

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of **Genesis 18-20** was meaningful to you and why?

2. Pray and ask God to give you a fresh view of His care and provision as you read **Genesis 21-22**.

3. a) Read **Genesis 21:1-7**. How is Sarah's laughter in **V6** different from the reason she laughed before God's promise to her was fulfilled (read **18:9-15** to refresh your memory)?

b) Is there a promise in the Bible that causes you to laugh? Does your laughter come from disbelief, genuine hope, or the joy of a promise fulfilled? (Cite the verse reference of the promise if possible.)

4. a) Abraham, Hagar and Ishmael are going through great challenges as seen in **Genesis 21:8-21**. In your view, summarize why each one is distressed.
 - Abraham

 - Hagar

 - Ishmaelb) What attributes of God do you recognize as He interacts with each of these people?

5. The following verses talk about distress and trouble. Rewrite each one as a personal prayer:

- **Psalm 20:1**

 - **Psalm 50:15**

 - **2 Samuel 22:7**
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6. a) Summarize what takes place in **V22-34** of **Genesis 21**.

b) What do you find interesting about Abimelek's visit to make a treaty with Abraham (especially in light of their interaction in **Chapter 20**)?

7. Why might Abraham's actions in **21:33 & 34**, after Abimelek departs, be significant? Identify the ways that you see God providing for Abraham in this passage.

8. a) In **Genesis 22** God tests Abraham in a profoundly difficult way, telling him to sacrifice Isaac. What words or phrases in **V1-10** showcase Abraham's full obedience?

b) Write down a specific time when you knew God was testing you, perhaps by telling you to do something difficult. Did you choose to obey Him fully? What was the outcome?

9. a) According to **V13-23**, how did God provide for Abraham at the moment of his need (before he could slay Isaac), and how does God provide for him and his descendants in the future?

- b) What words or phrases stand out to you as God's unwavering promise of provision for Abraham, specifically in **V16 & 17**? How might this have boosted his faith?
10. a) In **Genesis 22:8**, Abraham's confidence in God is summed up in four words: "*God Himself will provide...*" As you studied **Genesis 21-22**, how were you convicted to allow a fresh confidence in God's provision "take **ROOT**" regarding a situation in your life?
- b) Read **Hebrews 11:17-19** together with **James 2:21-22**. What inspires you in your own faith journey as you see how Abraham's faith became more deeply **ROOTED**?
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"GOSPEL GLIMPSES": Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

1. There are a number of Gospel Glimpses found in **Genesis 22**. In **V2, 12, 16**, what phrase is repeated, and what are the similarities regarding God's Son and Abraham's? (See also **John 3:16**)
2. How is the wood placed on Isaac (**Genesis 22:6**) a foreshadowing of Jesus in **John 19:17**?
3. Just as Isaac appears to have cooperated fully with his father, what does **Matthew 26:39** reveal about Jesus' obedience to His Father to be a sacrifice for the sins of the world?
4. Compare and contrast **Genesis 22:13** with **John 1:29** (see also **Romans 3:25**) as you look for Gospel Glimpses in this story.
5. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 22:14**

b) Write a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for how God provides for you in the various areas of your life (physical, emotional, spiritual, etc).

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