

THE ULTIMATE TEST

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The story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice Isaac is shocking to a lot of people. It's one that many people do not understand. How could a loving God expect someone to do such a thing?

Some people read stories like this and they want to put God on trial, but they miss the whole point of the story. God's not on trial, Abraham is. It's not God's character that is being called into question, it's ours.

God didn't really want Abraham to sacrifice his son. What God wanted was for Abraham to be willing to sacrifice Isaac. It was only a test. It was a test to see how much Abraham really loved God and trusted Him. God was testing his faith. God was testing his obedience.

God tested Abraham and Abraham passed God's test.

That's how a person gets a testimony. No test, no testimony.

It might be good for you to remember that the next time you get tested. Your test is simply an opportunity for you to get a testimony.

God usually test us for two primary reasons. First, it's an opportunity for God to prove Himself to us. Second, it's an opportunity for us to prove ourselves to God.

God tested Abraham. He told him what He wanted him to do and then He expected him to do it. He didn't want Abraham just to say he was willing to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, God expected him to prove it by his actions.

Because Abraham proved himself to God, God proved himself to Abraham.

The areas that God will test you in will be those areas of your life that are most important to you.

What's most important to you in life? What do you look to for security? Where do you find your identity? What is your Isaac?

God will test us to make sure that our identity and security are in Him and not in the things of this world.

Abraham trusted God with what he valued most. He passed the ultimate test. Will you?