Preview of Calvary: Genesis 22
By Charles Feinberg

Brother Ansel:

Quite a number of you. How many of you have met Dr. Feinberg's wife, Mrs Feinberg? Mrs. Feinberg, would you stand, we'd like to get a good look at you. Thank you. Now I will turn the meeting over to Dr. Charles Feinberg.

Charles Feinberg:

Joy to be here again at faith Bible Church and to share in the Ministry of the word. We know of the Ministry of this church thirty years, from quarter of a century. And we thank God for it stand for the truth. They, such churches, I don't need to tell you, are not plentiful sad to say. We shall be ministering the word this morning, and then this evening as brother Ansel has indicated. The evening service is at six o'clock, the hour at which all Sunday evening services should be held. I don't know why somebody brought in some other kind of a system, but this is getting back to I think that we Adam and Eve used to do it before the fall.

Said in the cool of the evening and six o'clock it started getting that way. This evening, we should like to think on some phase of Israel world situation, but this morning my heart has been impressed to direct your attention to a marvelous theme of scripture runs throughout the book from Genesis to the revelation, preview of Calvary, preview of Calvary.

Will you turn with me in the gospel according to John chapter 8 beginning with verse fifty three, or better even fifty two. If you have the right bible it is on page 1138 in the extreme North West corner of the page. John Chapter 8 verse 52, I want to read the eight verses that
conclude that tremendous chapter John 8:52 to 59. John's Gospel 58th chapter verse 52. "Then said the Jews unto him, that's unto our Lord Jesus. Now we know that that has to be Abraham is dead and the prophet and now says if a man keep my saying he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham who is dead? And the prophets are dead whom make us thou thyself. Jesus answered if I honor myself my honor is nothing. It is my father that honor me of whom you say that he is your God. Yet you have not known him, but I know him. And if I should say I know him not I shall be a liar like unto you. But I know him and keep his same."

Notices this 56 verse, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see you my day preview of Calvary. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day and he saw it and was glad." then that the Jews under him are not yet 50 years old and has all seen Abraham. Jesus said under them verily verily I say unto you before Abraham was I am then took the stones that casted him. As Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple going through the midst of them and so passed by. Really, you're hearing from the word of God as we have it in John Chapter 8 verses 52-59

Preview of Calvary. The actual historical account of that is given in Genesis the twenty second chapter, now I do not mean to imply that there were not other phases of messiahs coming life and ministry that were not made known to Abraham, but principally this, principally this. Abraham rejoiced to see my day, saw it and was glad, preview of Calvary. Notice this 22nd chapter of Genesis. Genesis as well been call the seed plot of the Bible that it is. We find Calvary here in preview. You find many prophetic events, for instance the 14th chapter of Genesis is a miniature, it is encapsulated form, the war of Armageddon, invasion in Kings outside the country against Kings within the country and the one who has the victory and the result thereof. So Genesis has many wonderful portions, the seed plot of the Bible. This chapter here is probably the most vivid, the most dramatic, the most emotionally packed chapter in the Old Testament
concerning what Our Lord Jesus Christ did on Calvary, what God the father did in giving the son at Calvary. When God was in Christ reconciling the world on himself and Christ the just one died for us the unjust that he might bring us to God.

He bore in his own body our sins upon the tree. Him who knew no sin God made to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in him. All that was needed because all we like sheep upon a very well turned everyone to his own way and the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all. Genesis 22 can never be looked upon by any child of God as an insignificant portion of the word of God, it's the climax of the life of Abraham. And apart from the three members of the Trinity God befall them and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit apart from them and that sinister enemy of God and of our souls Satan. Apart from those four personalities Abraham has more emphasis given than anyone that ever walked on Earth. Abraham the father of believers. This chapter then is the climax of the life of a great man of God. One of the most moving one of the most memorable incisive in all the Bible. The synagogue makes a great deal out of this chapter. All through the whole day of prayer and fasting without even water crossing the lips, all through that day in the synagogue and the Orthodox synagogue this portion keeps coming up just as a beautiful theme and a symphony again and again called [inaudible words], the binding of Isaac. Oh God hear us as the children of Abraham. remember what our father Abraham was willing to do to give up his last hope, his final hope, his only hope in Isaac in order that he might obey the. Therefore do O God for the merit of the fathers have compassion upon us, forgive us remit our sin and make atonement for them.

This passage, Genesis 22, contains what has well been said and correctly said the only type in the Old Testament. Look through it. The only type, not only prophecy, but the only type in the Old Testament that distinctly indicates that God requires a human sacrifice. See after
Adam and Eve were clothed by the skins of animals Adam and Eve instructed their children that the way to approach God is through animal sacrifice, through the shutting of blood, that’s the only reason in the world that they were brought an offering of that kind, a bloody offering. Hebrews 11 says by faith Abel offered. And here’s a man who’s been dead thousands and thousands of years and yet Scripture says he being dead yet speaketh.

Oh, I think you could pack them in and you'd have only SRO, standing room only, if you could get a person dead that many years the people could hear my what they wouldn't pay. Can you imagine how people travel from all parts of the world in Lourdes in France and so on? If you could get somebody in here able talk now and yet he's always be. He being dead yet speaketh. But what's he talking about? He's saying that you can't approach God except through blood. And so Abel did it and Noah did it, Shem and Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. They all offered sacrifices to God. And so you go down the line David and Solomon. I had a professor in Bible one in seminary who said he thought Solomon had the most comprehensive view of the value of the substitutionary death of the coming messiah of anybody in the Old Testament. Why? Because he offered so many thousands of sacrifices at the time of the dedication of the temple in first kings the 8th chapter. I don't know that it was because of that reason or because he was a king accustom to so much luxury and with such wealth he could afford it.

But the fact still remains, that all through those centuries it was animal sacrifice. Here, there is given us a little insight, a little preview if you will that God is going to have to have more than an animal sacrifice. Can't just wait until we get the Hebrews 10th chapter of the fourth verse to find it out finally. There it's given to us in a plain doctrinal statement, but there's an intimations before that, that would it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin, had to be a human sacrifice. Here, God for the first time, revealed the necessity for a human
victim to pay the penalty for sin. It was man on earth who would sin. It was a personality in a
body that had sin. So, the Savior must come as a man in a body on earth to die for sin, to die for
sinners. Must be by man, not by sacrifice of beasts no matter how great a multitude of them that
divine justice is going to be satisfied.

Now this outstanding chapter revolves around three marvelous truths. First of all, in the
first 8 versus the test of Abraham, the test of Abraham. Somebody says I always have these
tested tests. Well, that may be so, but when God brings a test, when God brings a trial, when God
brings a probation into the life, it's for a purpose. We read, "And it came to pass after these
things that God did test, not tempt" because in our modern English that word has an altogether
different sense. You see words have fashions just the way styles have fashion. To your
grandmother and my grandmother applesauce was something you got from apples. Today you
can't always be sure, so you cannot use the word tempt, you must use the word test.

God did tests Abraham and set on him Abraham and he said Behold here I am. After
these things, what things? Will all that we've been having since the twelfth chapter and the end
of the eleventh chapter? After these things at the least expected time when everything seemed to
be finally finally settled. Think of how many years Abraham had been in the land before the
promise not through Ishmael who was up to the flesh according Galatians 4 and you can tell that
from the 16th chapter of Genesis either Abraham nor Sarah nor Hager ever spent five seconds in
prayer about that arrangement. My wife said recently during this last war of this year in 73 that
was a day when Abraham and Sarah took it on themselves to have Hager have an Ishmael. The
problem still with us today. You don't believe it, you hadn't been reading the newspaper. What
happens when a man of faith does not go by faith? So that's out of the way, a heartbreak for
Abraham. Here Isaac is and how he is rejoiced in this child of promise. How he has finally rested
complacently and then God said, "After all these things God brings a test." You can well imagine how on the human plane Abraham might have said, "Lord, Let's let well enough alone. What's the use of rocking the boat? A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush?" Yes, but God wanted Isaac and now God is testing him in what area? Not with reference to Sarah or Hager or even Ishmael, but with regard to the last ditch as it were the last stand, Isaac. And did you notice the word before did test? Some folk have to reread that because sadly enough there are all kinds of books that will tell you that this whole episode, this whole incident and happening, all of it, arose out of the mind of Abraham. Not a bit of it, not one second. God did test Abraham. The test came from God, not from the devil, not from the imagination of Abraham's own mind, and not from what they'd been learning among the nations of the earth as though it would seep in by a process of osmosis. No not at all.

I think if you sit between them it'll help you ma'am there's nothing more diabolical than to try and preach and try to have two that cutting up. I don't know why these parents have children sit by themselves. I suppose it's going to come to church, they're ashamed of them, don't want to even indicate they belong to the family. We couldn't do that in the Jewish synagogue. Oh no. We sat right next to Dad. And if you don't sit with your children when they're small beloved, don't complain that they're out somewhere in a honky tonk or cabaret or something else later on. See what to mean? Now that part of the sermon is free. Alright, I don't know whom they belong, but they need to be taken in hand.

So God did test Abraham. The greatness of what I say can be accounted for by the great development that Abraham's faith had already undergone. Had he been under some test? Oh yes, for the amount of testing Abraham had, you'd say "Lord, he's had enough. He's passed with flying colors." Summa Summa summa cum laude. Yeah, but God says, "He's been through some
crises, he's been through some separation, but he has to go through a Supreme one." He was separated from his homeland and kindred Genesis 12, he was separated from the Lot in Genesis 13. He separated Ishmael and now you say I can't believe it. Abraham may have thought my, I don't I don't see how this is possible at all. Yeah, you may not seem possible. Here it is. He separated from Isaac. Why? The need for it can be explained by the fact that Abraham is still a man, still human, still subject to fall, still subject to failure. He is a fallible man just as you and I are. Still needs to be encouraged and beloved, I care not whether you been in the faith just five weeks, five days, five hours, five decades or more. The longest day you and I live, we're going to need to be encouraged and impelled, even sometimes compelled, to trust the naked word of God apart from any condition, any expectation, any type of circumstance around, any possible hope that could be placed in an individual.

Abraham had to be taught to trust the naked word of God. I realized that when he was called give up Ishmael. God gave him a reason, here no reason is given. God didn't say he's not the child of promise because he was the child of promise. Ishmael had to be given up because the Messiah could never come from him. This is an arrangement of the flesh, never ask God a bit about it. Of the three patriarchs the one exemplary on that was Isaac. When they could not have any family Isaac and Rebecca brought the matter before God and they had the blessing of God ultimately in their lives. And it was because of that that God kept Isaac from making a tremendous mistake in passing the blessing onto Esau when he should have gone to Jacob where they did go. Ishmael has to be given up, that's not true of Isaac. He is without question the child a promise, but his fate's here.

God did test Abraham, and he said take now thy son thine only son Isaac whom they'll loveth and get the into the land of Mariah. Offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the
mountains which I will tell thee of, and Abraham rose up early in the morning, saddled his ass and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son and cut the wood for the burnt offering and rose up and went into the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place of far off. And Abraham said unto a young man, "If I be here with the ass and I am [inaudible] to go yonder in worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, layed it upon Isaac his son. He took the fire in his hand and a knife and he went both of them together. And Isaac spoke under Abraham his father and said, "My father and he said [inaudible] my and my son." He said, "Behold the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "My son, God will provide himself, means for himself a lamb for a burnt offering." So they went both of them together.

Notice in verse two what God is asking him to do. Thy son, thine only son, Isaac, whom thou loves, whom thou lovist. God didn't stop with take now thy son, he had two sons. One was gone by this time, twenty first chapter tells I was cast out. He and his mother Hager at the weaning feast for Isaac. But take now thy Son, don't go and get the other one back. Thy son thine only son Isaac whom thou lovist is as if there is a skillful surgeon. He takes the surgical knife not to hurt, but to accomplish the highest good and goes deeper and deeper, not just thy son, your only son Isaac. I know it Lord, don't remind me. Whom thou lovist, whom thou lovist.

You see Abraham, believe it friends. Abraham here it was called into a fellowship with God that no other saint of God ever had in the Bible, before him or after him. He was called into a fellowship of suffering with God. Abraham understood better than any father what went on in the father's heart, of God the Father when the son was given on Calvary. You say, "Well, did God have a right to do that?" We know, and God knew he was not going to let Abraham go through it. He wouldn't let him finally offer up Isaac. He knew that, we know it now. Reading it
so many centuries afterwords. But I had full guess. Well, why did God do that? Did God have a right to do that? My dear friends who is the author of life altogether? If God had had him go through with it, it would have accomplished a high and lofty, you may believe it purpose of God that could never have been accomplished any other way. We can't begin to follow every thought of God. If God had done that God had a right. God has always right. He is the author of Life. How many times in the Old Testament you see in the very line of promise that the women were barren. So that every one of them would realize that light ultimately comes from God and the promise is totally, that’s the word, absolutely dependent upon him, not on some feature of nature. No. So hear it. God had a right to tell him. That child ultimately belonged to God, not to Abraham. Abraham and Sarah could have lived together for a thousand more years and never had a child. That child was a miracle. These people would say I can't understand the virgin birth, there's only one way of getting to the world. How stupid can a fellow get without trying? There was not one way to get into this world. Who told you that? There are five ways. There are five ways. You mean I missed out on four? You may have missed out on some other things too besides that.

Yes, you did miss out on four there are five ways of getting into this world. Number one is the way Adam got into. Do you know anybody else who got in that way? And it must have been effective, what are you and I doing here? It must have worked. And another way of getting into this world, the way Eve got in. Don't tell me she came into this world the way Adam did. She didn't at all. But that must worked too because we're still here, she's our mother. Eve and then Abraham, Abraham and Sarah. They could live together as husband and wife, I say for another hundred years. Never had a child, was a miracle child. If you don't believe it you haven't read the fourth chapter Romans. Considering the deadness of Sarah's body and Abraham. That's
the third way. Fourth way is the way we've all come in, through a mother and a father. And the fifth way is the way the Lord Jesus came into this world, by a mother and no human Father. So don't tell me there is one way of doing it. I often say to my classes, the less you know about any subject the more dogmatic you can be, because you're not hampered by the fact. So he's called into a fellowship of suffering with God. And then look at verse 3 and Abraham rose up early in the morning and saddle his ass and took two of his young men with him and Isaac, his son, cut the wood for the burnt offering a rose up and went up to the place of which God had told him. God spares not his own son, but deliver him up. He delivered him up for us all. How shall we not also with [inaudible] for him to give us all things. He was called into that kind of fellowship.

Yes.

So notice what Abraham did. He rose up in the morning and he saddles the donkey there and it takes two men. And notice what he does. There's not a word that he said goodbye to Sarah, but he kissed her goodbye because he probably would be explaining yet what he was going to do. You see, he wasn't of a mind to waste that much time. She wouldn't understand. She'd say you've taken leave of your senses don't you dare touch that child and then when it came, it came to cutting the wood for the burnt offering. You know how many people he had in his home? In Genesis 14 were told that when he went to get Lot back, after a lot had been taken by the invading kings that he armed his trained servants born in his own house. Three hundred and eighteen. How would you like to make up that man beds every morning? Three hundred and eighteen. That many meals three times a day and do the laundry for that many. Think of how many maid tags. 318, not be that many, why is he bothering cutting wood. That must have been quite a sight. I don't think he did it before, but it says he cut the wood himself. Why? He wasn't of a mind to waste any time. He'd have to go explaining to them too. That wasn't what he was of
a mind to do. His heart was burdened enough as it was. So he does that, rises up and goes to the place that God had told him. God told him where? Into the land of Moriah, verse 4. Then on the third day and if you notice where he was, in the last chapter in verse 33 he was in Beersheba and traveling the way they travel in that day would take exactly three days from Beersheba to the Mount Moriah, to Mount Zion to Jerusalem. And so on the third day, that's always a tremendously important day in Scripture. It was the third day that Esther appeared before the Ahasuerus and got the liberation of her people. It was on the third day of the Lord Jesus brought spiritual liberation for all. He did it on the cross that is manifested when God raised Him from the dead and he sovereignty took his life back. I have power to lay it down. I have power to take it again.

Third day Abraham lift up his eyes and saw the place of far off. And notice what he says to the young man. If you stay here he says with the donkey here I and Isaac are going to go over there. This is the heart of this chapter. You ought to put it in neon lights. This won't do any harm to the energy crisis. It just put marks on the side here. Important, note well, what did he say? We're gonna go and worship and come again to you. Those are the two focal point. There is the secret of a whole chapter. Worship and hope, worship and hope. Abraham didn't have one book of the Bible up to this time and yet he learned the supreme reason for man's creation and existence. What is it? Worship, not passing out tracks, that's marvelous, not even preaching the gospel. That's not our ultimate. That's wonderful. But the ultimate purpose for which God chose man, created him, gave the way of redemption is that we might be worshipping every time the veil of heaven is drawn back. We see redeemed intelligences doing what? Praying? Serving? No, no. Worshiping. Worthy is the lamb that was slain and Abram had learned that. What is yet to be made pictorially as an a child evangelism lesson. What is to be presented to them in the future, in
the Tabernacle, and in the Temple of Solomon and Zerubbabel, that which God emphasizes as though a blockbuster Abraham already knew, why? Notice that the Tabernacle and temple. We are saved at the altar, cleanse of the labor, and joy spiritual positions and privileges feasting on the bread of life partaking of Christ's light, he is the light of the world and of his intercessory ministry as is the altar of incense. We are saved at the altar cleansed at the labor enjoy these positions and in turn give out the bread of life. In turn our lights in this dark world, in turn intercede for all men, first Timothy 2 that we may do what? Worship.

There is never a word in the Old Testament or in any of the rabbinical writings as to what the high priest ever said or did beyond the sprinkling of the blood and the holiest of all. We are saved didn't cleansed and served that we may worship in our father Abraham. Our Father Abraham knew it, there it is. Now you are not supposed to say Isaac is your father or Israel, Jacob. I have heard some say [inaudible] that I've trusted Christ to you unsaved Jewish man, I'm better Jew than you are. No you're not. When you say there's a gentile, you become a child of Abraham, but you're not a child of Jacob. Why not? Why not a child of Israel. Because Isaac and Israel were never an uncircumcised. The eighth day they were circumcised, but Abraham was a gentile before he was a Hebrew, a hundred years of it to, remember? Got the Promised when he was a hundred years of age. Therefore Romans four says he is God is able through faith to save Gentiles, the uncircumcision throw faith and the circumcision by faith, the same way. Abraham was a gentile before he became a Hebrew. But the others had never been in the Gentile world. Isaac hadn't been and certainly Israel hadn't been. Beloved, the longest day we live we ought to rejoice in this relationship through Christ with Abraham. Abraham saw my days, saw it was glad said our Lord Jesus.
So there is worship. But you notice what else he said. I'm going to come again. I can understand how you could say we're going to worship, but come again to you? remember years ago when I read that in my unsaved days, Oh there is father Abraham selling another whopper just as he said about Sarah, she's my sister instead of saying she's my wife remember. And then went down to Egypt and then another time and with Abimelech that he wasn't lying. He was not lying. He did expect to come back with Isaac and come again to you. How do you know? You wouldn't know it from the Old Testament, but we have Hebrews eleven and in the Epistle the New Testament, you have the Holy Spirit's own commentary on events and happenings in the Old Testament. So, Hebrews 11:17 and 19 says, "By faith Abraham offered up Isaac and it was by faith that he received him back as in figure on the third day." As far as Abraham was concerned, Abraham was as good. Isaac was as good as offered up. And God said I know it, you would go all the way through with it because I told you to do it, I know you would, but I am going give you back from and you may have him back now as thou he were risen from the dead.

He stated that, Hebrews 11:17-19, should be in this area somewhere. If you have all the references to this portion. Yes, Hebrews 11, you have you should have 17-19. Yes. And the margin there. All the secret of the chapter, worship, and hope. You say, "So what?" Quite a bit. Abraham had not one single item of information about a resurrection read the first 21 chapters in Genesis. He had nothing. He had nothing upon which to base such knowledge. He didn't know about an Elijah, Elisha bringing certain folk back from the dead. He didn't know about our Lord Jesus raising Jairus's daughter or the widow the name son or Lazarus after you'd been to the grave in the state of decomposition for four days. No, he didn't know that. He had no previous knowledge of a resurrection. His faith didn't have that encouragement, but oh, look how he stood it. So Abraham goes about it. You might feel as if he had turned into stone into lead, oh what a
heavy heart he had. But he took the wood and laid it on Isaac his son, took the fire in his hand and a knife and they went both of them together. Yes, lay the wood on Isaac. Isn't that a picture, who bore the cross? The son did.

He took the fire in his hand and knife and then when both of them together the unity, the harmony, the accord, the symphonizing symphony, spiritual symphony of the Father and the son. The father and the son were all in agreement. Titus 1:3 in hope of eternal life which God who cannot lie, Father Son Holy Spirit promised before the world began. How could they promise that tape to Adam? Adam hadn't even been born. He hadn't, rather he hadn't even been created. No the father promised something to the son, the son to the father in the spirit, and the spirit to the Father and the Son. They all promised that if God would love and give the son would love and come and the spirit of God would make all these things real in the lives of believing ones. Yes they went together and Isaac, it's about time you spoke up. He said, my father said, "Here am I, my son. Behold the fire in the wood. We have everything, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering." Pretty much as a husband would come home and here's Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas dinner say "My, is this the whole deal?" Yes, of the the ear doves oh the little boy said the horse movers and you've got uh you've got the desert and the maraschino cherry as in everything else, but you forgot the entrée, you forgot the main thing. Where is the bird? Well, how did Isaac know to ask that? Because before the rabbinical ironic priesthood every father was the priest in his own home. Noah did offering, Adam did offering, Abraham has been doing offering, Shem had done offering. He says, "Father, he says the fire in the wood, we know we need that, but didn't you forget the main part? The lamb for the burnt offering?" What are you going to say now Isaacs? Are you going to sort of sidestep this one? Are you going to tell him a
tall tale? What are you gonna say. Oh here Abraham shows that he's not only a man of God, but he's a prophet of God.

He said, "My son, God, not what I'm going to do but God, is going to provide for himself." Going to take God more than gonna take me. A lamb for a burn offering. They went both of them together. That's it. God is going to have to provide for himself that which would satisfy his requirements, his heart. God has to supply the sacrifice for man's sin. That's why among other reasons beloved that God stopped Abraham from offering Isaac. God wanted to prove one thing that he would obey under the most extreme circumstances, and he did obey. But to have Isaac offered up actually, what good would that do? You know why there were no human sacrifices in the Old Testament as there were among the heathen? Because they wouldn't accomplish anything. So God says, "Why should there be a useless loss of life, because all men are sinful, they can't give a righteous sacrifice to God then let's have something that has no decision in the matter. Let's have animals who are not immoral nor moral, they are all moral, man is immoral, sinful." But animals have no decision in the matter, that's why God loved the sacrifice of Christ, Hebrews 10, wherefore when he comes in the world he said hello I come to do thy will Oh God no animal ever could say it's my will to become your sacrifice, but God had that in Christ.

There was no point, there was no point in having Isaac sacrificed and lamb. Lamb, God has to provide his own lamb, man isn't gonna to do it. God has to do it. And do you know that very day God gave him a prophecy on that. When Abraham turned his head, when he was told not to touch Isaac he turned and what did he see, a ram. That's why you find the ram so prominent through the old testament the ram of consecration for the priest and so on and the ram's horn, and still blown on the day of atonement, New Year's. That shofar is a ram's horn to
remind them and as it were God, remember what happened down there at Mariah with the ram. Our father was willing to give up Isaac. Why did God at this point give a ram? Because neither the lamb nor a ram could have sufficed. And God if he did. If that had been a lamb cut there then Abraham Isaac would've thought here. God has immediately given the fulfillment. No God said I'm going to give you a down payment and earnest in a ram so that all through the intervening century you can still look for the lamb. And one day the blessed son of God was walking. One said not old rabbi of Israel though Son of David, the Son of God, messiah. No. Behold the Lamb of God said John the Baptist. There he is. That's the one our father Abraham was talking about in Genesis 22:8. God is going to provide for himself the lamb. John 1:29, behold the Lamb of God. Take it away the similar verse 36 says the same, John 1:36. John loved that name for our Lord Jesus. See how many times he uses it in the revelation. He's to see the lion of the tribe of Judah and when he looks into the midst of the throne it was as a lamb that had been slain, lamb. God Lamb, the Lamb of God.

Oh how tested Abraham was, but it's never unbearable, never. Have you ever noticed cars on a railroad? You’ll see one that has a five and a dash and a three and a dash and a zero or some other number. What's five dash three dash O mean? They represent what they call the load limit of the car that car can carry five tons three hundred weight and don't to put any more on it. No heavier weight. Every man has a load limit. God has permitted the test and he will also regulate it. No testing has overtaken it such as is common to man, but God is faithful who will win the testing, provide a way of escape if you may be able to bear it. There is one, the reason we fall into the temptation of the testing, fall under it is because we're so occupied with it we don't see the way out. But God has provided it, First Corinthians 10:13. Here is the test of Abraham.
Notice the triumph of faith in the next two verses and they came to the place where God had told
him all that Abraham built an alter there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son, laid him on the altar upon the wood. Now that must have seemed strange to Isaac. Didn't you say God was going to provide a lamb? What are you tying me down for? No matter how old Isaac was at this point his father was one hundred years older, wasn't he? His father was a hundred years old when he was born. So if Isaac is fifteen years of age Abraham is hundred and fifteen. If he's twenty one years of age. Abraham is a hundred and twenty one years, you see? And I submit to you that he could have overpowered his father, but he was of the same mind. They were both willing to do the will of God. Verse six when both of them together verse eight they went both of them together.

So he laid them on the altar and Abraham stretched forth his hand. I tell you that the tension. Talk about a climax here it is. Abraham stretched forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son. What a world of feeling is passed over in silence. You know if some human author had been writing this instead of the inspiration of the Spirit of God we've just been melted down by this time and maudlin sentimentality. You would have heard Abraham sniffing and taking out his Kleenex and all the rest of it you know, they would have had it all worked out and confused and so on. But here dignity reserve and a world of feeling passed over in silence. The silences of the Bible are absolutely golden. The test is gonna go to the limit and we don't dare be unmindful of the obedience of Isaac. Some folk have said of Isaac that he was an ordinary son of a great father and an ordinary father of another great one, his son. That's untrue. Isaac was a man of contemplation, of calm meditation of spirituality. He never got over that experience on Mount Moriah. You wouldn't believe it. It was ingrained in his life. The supreme test Abraham has now, he faces it with nothing but failure. He's gonna carry out God's command strange as it may seem, to the very last letter and there's no greater triumph of faith in the whole Bible than here. No
wonder he's called the father of the faithful. And you know this is the place where God preached the gospel to Abraham, Galatians 3:8 says, the scripture. That's for God. Scripture foresee that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preach the Gospel beforehand Abraham saying in thy seat shall all the families of the earth be blessed. That's not in Genesis 12, but rather around Genesis 22 it was around and offered up son where the Gospel gospels preach. There you have the promise, but no vivid picture of one offered up to die for man. It's in this place where the Gospel is preached to Abraham, Galatians 3:8.

He did see Abrahams day, saw. He did see Christ to Abraham did. Saw it [inaudible]. Abraham received Isaac back then on the third day. It was a dear old Negro preacher didn't have too much of a theology but he knew the Lord. He said brethren, whatever the good Lord tells me to do that I'm want to do. If I see I have to jump through a stone wall I'm gonna jump at it go.