



Hebrews 11:8-12 NIV

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Hebrews 11:17-19 NIV

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18 even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” 19 Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.



Joshua 24:2 NIV

Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.’”



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Previous Scripture: Joshua 24:2;

Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19



Genesis 12:1-5 NIV

1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. 2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Previous Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-10;

Joshua 24:2; Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19



James 2:23 NIV

And the scripture was fulfilled that says,
“Abraham believed God, and it was credited
to him as righteousness,” and he was called
God’s friend.



Genesis 15:5-6 NIV

5 He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



Romans 4:3 NIV

What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”



Hebrews 11:11-12 NIV

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Previous Scripture: Romans 4:3;

Genesis 15:5-6; James 2:23



Genesis 17:5 NIV

No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

Previous Scripture: Hebrews 11:11-12;

Romans 4:3; Genesis 15:5-6



Genesis 17:17-18 NIV

17 Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” 18 And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”



Romans 4:19-25 NIV

19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” 23 The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Previous Scripture: Genesis 17:17-18;

Genesis 17:5; Hebrews 11:11-12



I. It is God Who Does The Testing Hebrews 11:17 NIV



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I. It is God Who Does The Testing Genesis 22:1-2 NIV



1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. 2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”



I. It is God Who Does The Testing

James 1:13 NIV



When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;



I. It is God Who Does The Testing

James 1:2-4 NIV



2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Previous Scripture: James 1:13;

Genesis 22:1-2; Hebrews 11:17



II. We Must Accept The Lord's Tests Hebrews 11:18 NIV



even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”



II. We Must Accept The Lord's Tests Genesis 22:3-6 NIV



3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

Previous Scripture: Hebrews 11:18;

James 1:2-4; James 1:13



II. We Must Accept The Lord's Tests Genesis 22:7-10 NIV



7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” 8 Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. 9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Previous Scripture: Hebrews 11:18;

James 1:2-4; James 1:13



III. The Lord Provides During The Tests Hebrews 11:19 NIV



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III. The Lord Provides During The Tests



Genesis 22:11-14 NIV

11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

12 “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

Previous Scripture: Hebrews 11:19;

Genesis 22:3-10; Hebrews 11:18



III. The Lord Provides During The Tests Galatians 3:8 NIV



Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”



III. The Lord Provides During The Tests



John 8:56-58 NIV

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

57 “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

58 “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

Previous Scripture: Galatians 3:8;

Genesis 22:11-14; Hebrews 11:19