



The Final Exam (Genesis 22:1-18)

Sunday, August 27, 2023 AVBC

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. (James 1:2,3)

By faith Abraham, when he was TESTED, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son (Heb.11:17)

Q1: WHAT DOES GOD TEST?

1. God tests our _____

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself...' (Mark 12:30,31a) (also John 21)

Q: What is the proof of love? A: _____

2. God tests our _____.

Q: What's the proof of faith? A: _____

It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, though God had promised him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Abraham assumed that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead. (Hebrews 11:17-19)

Q2: WHAT MUST WE DO TO PASS THE TEST?

A: There must be _____

If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. (Mark 8:34b,35)

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son (Hebrews 11:17)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What is the toughest "test" you have had to face in your life?

What made it so hard? How did you handle it? What did you learn?

Q2: Study James 1:2,3,13. What do these verses teach about testing?

Q3: What "test" are you currently facing on your journey of faith right now? How is the Lord calling you to trust Him or obey Him?

Q4: Read Romans 12:1-2. What should motivate us to sacrificial obedience? What is the result of sacrificial obedience?

Q4: What is God asking you to "lay on the altar"?

