

# Let's Worship God

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Genesis



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## **Monday - Genesis 21:14-21 - Opened Eyes**

Ishmael has been seen laughing at Isaac, and Sarah has insisted that Hagar and Ishmael must go. Abraham is reluctant to send them away, but God comes to him and tells him to send them away. Abraham obeys God quickly and without exceptions. Hard though it is, Hagar and Ishmael's pride and rudeness have brought them to the point where they are forced to give up their privileges of living in Abraham's house.

Wandering in the desert, Hagar and Ishmael's food and water run out, and Ishmael begins to get sick. Despite the promises that God has given her that Ishmael will become a great nation, Hagar gives up in despair and waits to die.

God hears Ishmael's cries, and an angel visits Hagar to encourage her and remind her of God's promises. He opens her eyes to a well of water that God has provided. We are often blind to the abundant grace God has to offer us, but when we pray to Him for help, He will open our eyes.

### **Questions**

1. Why are Hagar and Ishmael sent away?
2. What does the angel do for Hagar?
3. What promises about Ishmael had Hagar forgotten?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would open our eyes to God's blessings all around us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

### **Memory Verse**

"And in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." Genesis 22:18

**Praise: Psalm 118 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## Tuesday - Genesis 21:22-34 - A Friend of Kings

We see in this passage that Abraham's friendship is valued and sought after by kings. God's favour to Abraham is obvious to all around him. Because of this favour, Abimelech wants to be in a treaty of friendship with Abraham. Abimelech knows that it is good to be friends to those who are friends with God.

Abraham and Abimelech make a treaty that their families will be constant friends. This treaty must not be violated by either side, so they call on God to witness their sincerity and avenge any treachery.

After agreeing to this treaty, Abraham now settles up the matter of a well that he dug that Abimelech's servants have taken from him. Wells of water are very valuable in Canaan, and the unjust loss of one would be sufficient reason for Abraham to walk away from the treaty he has just made. But he wants to sort the matter out, so he calmly talks to Abimelech about it. This is the first Abimelech has heard about it, and we assume that he probably quickly set the matter to rights with his servants. Besides a very generous gift of livestock, Abraham now gives Abimelech seven sheep to be a reminder of who owns the well. Abraham settles there in peace and openly and regularly worships God.

### Questions

1. Why does Abimelech want to be Abraham's friend?
2. What had Abimelech's servants taken from Abraham?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christians suffering in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

### Memory Verse

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### **Wednesday - Genesis 22:1-2 - The Test**

God decides to test Abraham's faith and love for Him. After so many hardships and difficulties are over in Abraham's life, at a time of peace, this trial comes. We are never safe from the trials of this life until we get to heaven. God is the one who is testing Abraham to see if a strong faith can be brought out.

God comes to Abraham, calls him by name, and tells him to kill his son. There can be no more difficult test for Abraham. Anything else, animals by the thousands, he could have given up easily, but this is his son, his only son, all he has left after Ishmael has been sent away, and the son whom he has waited so long for and loves so much. But for God there must be no substitutions. God has commanded, and Abraham's love of God must overrule all other considerations.

Abraham could have argued that God, who hates murder, couldn't possibly want him to murder someone, especially Isaac, his son. God has given him no reason why he must do this. How will God multiply his seed if Isaac is killed? What will he say to Sarah? What will his neighbours think about the God he serves, when he tells them what he has done? All these questions might have gone through his mind, but God has commanded, so Abraham says nothing.

### **Questions**

1. What does God ask Abraham to do?
2. Why would this be so hard for Abraham?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would be willing to obey God no matter what it costs us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

### **Memory Verse**

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## Thursday - Genesis 22:3-10 - How Will God Provide?

Abraham gets up early, probably after a sleepless night, prepares for the sacrifice, and sets out. When he gets to the mountain, he goes on alone with Isaac. Abraham has left everything behind that might distract him or stop him from obeying. Isaac carries the wood, pointing us to Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son whom He loves, who will carry His cross on the way to His sacrifice.

Isaac's question must have pierced Abraham's heart. How can he tell Isaac that he is the lamb? All Abraham can tell Isaac is that God will provide - he doesn't know how, but he knows that God is in control and somehow all will be well. God always provides the sacrifice. Christ is the sacrifice God has provided to take our place, and God provides us with the sacrifice of a broken heart with which we turn to God.

With a heavy heart and slow steps Abraham at last comes to the place where he must build an altar. Isaac is the obedient sacrifice, again picturing Christ who will obediently go to His death, who does not struggle or cry out but believes with Abraham that somehow God will make everything turn out for their best.

It is an amazing love and obedience to God that Abraham has, and it teaches us about God's love for us in giving up His only Son to suffer and die for us as a sacrifice. In return for this love, we are to give Christ first place in our lives, throwing our sin away and living for God.

### Questions

1. Who is Isaac a picture of?
2. How does God provide a sacrifice for us?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would trust in God in all situations.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

### Memory Verse

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## Friday - Genesis 22:11-24 - The Test Passed

All has been dark so far, but now a light comes. The angel of the LORD, who is Jesus Himself, intervenes to save Isaac as He has intervened with His death to save us. God's test of Abraham's love is finished. Abraham is willing to give Isaac up, so Isaac is restored to him. God often gives back to us the things He asks us to give up. Abraham is praised for the obedience he has shown that proves his love for God.

Another sacrifice is provided instead of Isaac, and Abraham offers the ram with thankfulness to God for the deliverance of his son. A new name is given to the mountain, to honour God and to encourage all believers to trust in God to work everything out.

God doesn't just accept Abraham's obedience, He graciously rewards him abundantly before he even moves from that place. God renews His covenant with Abraham, praising his obedience, and swearing that He will give Abraham numerous descendants, both biological and spiritual, who through faith will triumph over their enemies. Those who are willing to part with anything for God shall always have it made up to them abundantly. God also gives Abraham the greatest promise of all - the promise of the Messiah, the seed of Abraham that brings blessing to all nations and peoples.

### Questions

1. How is Abraham stopped from killing Isaac?
2. What is sacrificed instead?
3. What does God promise Abraham?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the sacrifice that has been provided for us in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

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## **Saturday - Genesis 23:1-20 - A Burial Ground**

No one is exempt from death, and Sarah, though she has lived long and has seen much of God's goodness, dies at last in Canaan. Abraham is truly sad for the loss of his good wife whom he has loved.

Abraham humbly asks his neighbours for a burying place. Because God is his inheritance, he is not ashamed to admit that he is a stranger in Canaan. We are all strangers on earth; it is not our home, our home waits for us after death.

The Hittites respect Abraham. God has made his name great to them, so they generously offer Abraham their best burial grounds. Abraham requests the cave of Machpelah. Ephron is willing to give it to Abraham as a present, but Abraham refuses to take advantage of Ephron's generosity. He can pay for it, and he will, and no one will ever be able to dispute his title to it. Like Ephron, we should care more for helping others than for our own wealth.

The property is bought in the sight of all. Abraham pays the full price without hesitation. God has not given this land to his family yet, so he is willing to pay. This burial ground is the first and only piece of land Abraham possesses in Canaan. He is content with a heavenly country and the promises of God.

### **Questions**

1. Who dies?
2. What does Abraham want to buy?
3. Who sells it to him?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

### **Memory Verse**

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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