

**A Test of Faith (A Painful Sight of the Comforting Christ)**  
**Genesis 22:1-14**  
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The great test of Abraham's faith, is very extreme.

God is Lord of everything, and will not settle for anything less.

Still, this command to sacrifice a child seems contrary to God's moral law,  
*thou shalt not kill.*

Is God's command enough, or do you require a satisfying explanation?

**Absolute surrender.** No terms, no conditions, no exceptions.

What is it that you have not yet given up for God?

Abraham saw the day of Christ from a distance. (John 8:56)

**The Strange and Confusing Command v 1-2**

God is confusing me, but I must obey, even if I do not understand.

Is his faith in God absolutely, or conditionally?

**God will provide the sacrifice, not you, Abraham.**

Moriah, a brief history

The Threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (1 Chronicles 21:18-22-1)

The site of Solomon's Temple. (2 Chronicles 3:1)

The approximate location of Calvary.

**The Response of Obedient Faith v 3-11**

Abraham obeyed. "Here I am."

We have two or three indications of Abraham's faithful thinking in the Bible.  
(Genesis 22:5; 22:7-8; Hebrews 11:17-19)

The promise will be accomplished, even if it seems impossible.

## **The Provision of a Substitute v 12-14**

When the Angel calls out to Abraham to stop, Abraham says, **Here I am.**

He trusts in the God of the impossible.

A substitute is provided on Mt Moriah.

What is the lesson here?