GENESIS 22; January 22; Abraham Offers Isaac

ANALYSIS: 1. What word in Heb 11:17 helps us understand the word "tempt" in verse one? What is God testing?
2. What do you see in the opening words of verse three?
3. When Abraham told the two young men that he and Isaac would "come again to you" what was Abraham counting on according to Hebrews 11:19?
4. When did God provide the ram to replace Isaac as the burnt offering?
5. How are Rebekah and Abraham related?
Rebekah and Isaac?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In addition to the astonishing faith and prompt obedience of the father (Abraham), and the innocence, respect and passive submission of the son (Isaac), there are numerous figures in this drama worthy of our musing. The Father offers his only Son (Rom 8:32), the Son had been miraculously conceived (Mt 1:20), the Son was obedient to death (Phil 2:5-8), God provided Himself a Lamb (Jo 1:29), the Son could not remain dead (Acts 2:24). "The Offering of Isaac was Picture-Prophecy of the Death of Christ." (Halley's Bible Handbook, p 101)

Our most convincing argument that we truly love God will be spelled out in painful steps (painful to our self will, pride and carnal mind) of obedience to His revealed will.

HELP:

- 1. "tried." How much Abraham "feared God" (v 12).
- 2. Abraham's faith in obedience is apparent; just like his response to God's orders regarding Hagar & Ishmael (21:14).
- 3. Abraham believed God was able to raise Isaac up from death.
- 4. Only when Abraham had taken every step to actually offer Isaac as a burnt offering, picking up the knife to slay Isaac, did God stop Abraham.
- 5. Rebekah is Abraham's grand niece, he is her great uncle. Rebekah is Isaac's second cousin.