

Will You Go With This Man?

(Isaac – a type of Christ)

'By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense'

(Heb.11:17-19)

- ✓ **He laid the wood on Isaac's back**
- ✓ **The 2 servants went so far, but no further**

- ✓ **Isaac: 'Where is the offering?' Abraham: 'God will provide for Himself the lamb'**
- ✓ **When he arrived at the place, he built an altar and bound Isaac to it. Isaac did not resist. Abraham stretched out the knife but was restrained by God**
- ✓ **Abraham saw a ram and offered it. He called the name of the place 'The LORD will provide'**
- ✓ **He was to offer him up on one of the mountains of Moriah. Calvary is located in this mountain range.**

**In this passage is the first mention of 'love' in
the Bible**

***'In this is love, not that we loved God, but that
He loved us and sent His Son to be the
propitiation for our sins'***

(1 Jn.4:10)

**First mention of love in
Matthew:**

*'And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying,
"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased"'*
(Matt.3:17)

**First mention of love in
Mark:**

*'Then a voice came from heaven, "You are
My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"'*
(Mk.1:11)

**First mention of love in
Luke:**

'And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased"'
(Lk.3:22)

**First mention of love in
John:**

*'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)

Enter the Holy Spirit

- ✓ **Abraham sent his servant back to his country of origin to find a wife for Isaac**
- ✓ **If she was not willing to go with him, he was not take his son back there**
- ✓ **The servant of Abraham committed the whole thing to God, praying for success. He asked for a specific sign**
- ✓ **When Laban saw him he invited him for a meal. But the servant said he would not eat until he told them the purpose of his mission**

- ✓ **God had blessed Abraham with great wealth. All this he gave to his son, Isaac (24:36). There is one thing Isaac didn't have – a wife**
- ✓ **The Holy Spirit was sent to call out a bride for Christ. His message: *'Will you go with this man?'***
- ✓ **The word 'bride' is used five times in the N.T. Each time, by John. Every time it applies to the bride of Christ**
- ✓ **His role, then, is to bring that bride home to the Son and present her before him**
- ✓ **Isaac was not to go back to that old country to be with her. She was to leave that old country to be his bride**

The two-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit is:

- ✓ **Evangelism.** *'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age'* **(Matt.28:19-20)**
- ✓ **...and preparing the Bride of Christ.** *'I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ'* **(2 Cor.11:2)**

- ✓ **They had to travel on camel back for 800 kms. All the time he would have talked to her of his master, glorifying the son and preparing her for him. She was never alone.**
- ✓ **As the servant taught Rebekah all about Isaac, so the Holy Spirit reveals Christ to us. *'When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me' (Jn.15:26)* *'He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you' (John 16:14)***
- ✓ **Though she hadn't seen Isaac yet, she was falling in love with him more and more. *'Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory' (1 Pet.1:8)***

- ✓ **The mystery of Christ and His bride is hidden in the creation of man. Adam and Eve are a type of Christ and the Church. Adam was made in the image of God. Christ is the *'image of the invisible God'***
- ✓ **Eve was created differently. God put Adam to sleep, took a rib from his side and from this He made the woman. Thus, Eve resided all along in Adam. To bring the Church into experience the side of Jesus was opened**
- ✓ **All this time Isaac was in the field meditating about Rebekah**
- ✓ **When she arrived at the end of the journey she did 2 things: 1) Fulfilled Isaac; 2) Shared in his glory**