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SERIES: GENESIS

THE FEAR OF GOD

GENESIS 22

The fear of God is the hatred of evil and giving **glory** to Him as Creator, Lord and Savior, resulting in wholehearted love for Him. Refusal to fear the Lord and give Him **all glory** will result in being judged as fit only for hell.

Proverbs 8:13; Malachi 3:16; Revelation 14:6-7; Revelation 15:2-4

1. You will be tested so that you can see if you have the fear of God.

Psalm 139:23-24
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; **24** And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Genesis 22
1 Now it came to pass after these things that God **tested** Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only [beloved] son Isaac, whom you love, and go to **the land of Moriah** [seen by God], and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

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2. Your wisdom will grow in direct proportion to the fear of God you act upon.

Psalm 111:10
"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who **practice it** have a good understanding."

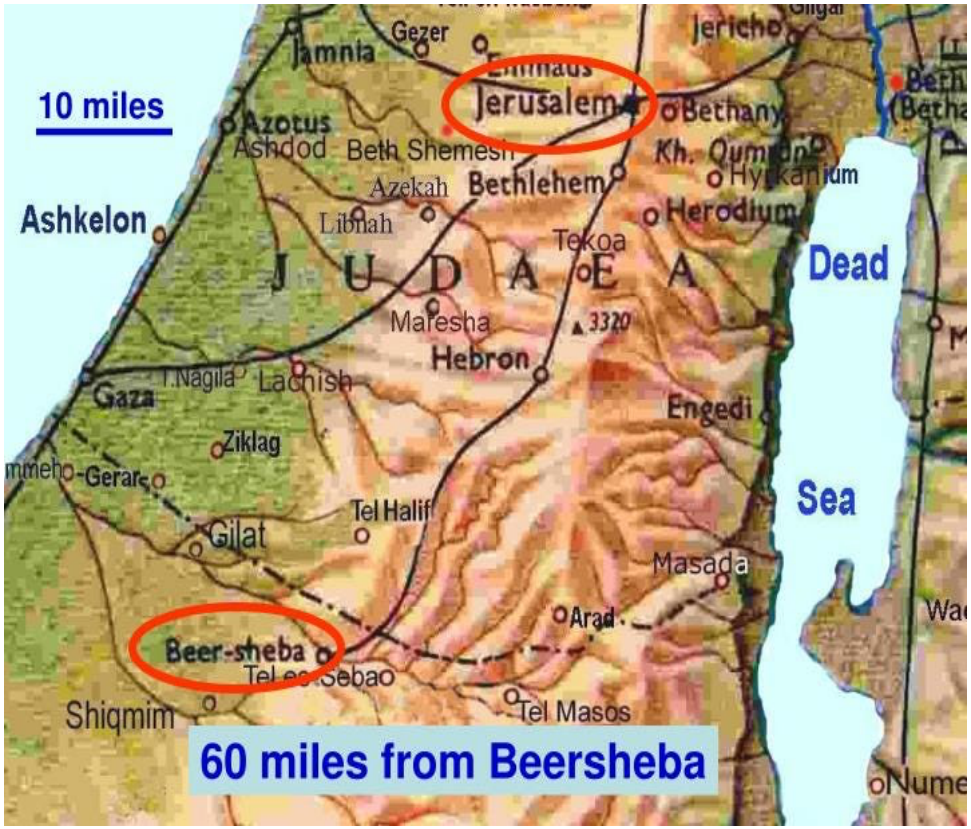
Genesis 22
3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.
4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.
5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, **and we will come back to you."** [faith and wisdom]
6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.
7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"
8 And Abraham said, "My son, **God will provide** for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.
9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.
10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Hebrews 11
17 By faith Abraham, **when he was tested**, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,
18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"
19 concluding that God [he had the wisdom to see because he feared God] was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

3. The biblical fear of God will keep your focus on "the Lord will provide."

Genesis 22
11 But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."
12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now **I know that you fear God**, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."
13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.
14 And Abraham called the name of the place, **The-Lord-Will-Provide**; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."
15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,
16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—
17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.
18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."
[the reminder of God's covenant with Abraham comes because he fears God]
19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

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