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**Topic: The Test of God**

Scripture text: Genesis 22:1-19

1. God will tempt man to examine their faith and trust in Him. However, God will never tempt man to sin against Him (James 1:13). Instead, Satan tempts man to sin against God.

2. Abraham's test was to offer his only heir Isaac as a burnt offering. Burnt offerings are to be completely burnt for the LORD. He obeyed the LORD by doing exactly what was commanded, without procrastination nor doubt. By the grace of God, all Christians can obey His Word and walk by faith.

3. Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son to the LORD. He had faith that God was able to raise Isaac from the dead even though he had not witnessed it before (Hebrews 11:19). Abraham's faith in God was manifested by his complete obedience to God's commands. Obedience will lead to blessings, while partial obedience is disobedience.

4. The grace of God was shown when He provided a ram as a burnt offering instead of Isaac. In every temptation, God will not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able to bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). When we are tried, we should not murmur because it is an opportunity for us to experientially know our love for God. God will provide a way of escape in His time so in our testings, let us trust and obey Him.