

LESSON 9

Name _____

The Sacrifice of Isaac Genesis 22:1-18

Directions: Read the scripture passage listed above and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. God calls Abraham and commands him to take his son Isaac and make of him a _____.
2. Abraham might not have been surprised at such a command since many of the other religions around Abraham also had human sacrifices. Abraham might have thought that his God was no different than the gods of other religions in demanding a human sacrifice, but Abraham might also have been confused because God had promised that Isaac, not Ishmael, his other son, would be his rightful _____ and Isaac cannot inherit the promises of the covenant if he is _____.
3. Abraham nevertheless obeys God because of his great _____ in God.
4. When Abraham binds Isaac and raises the knife to kill him, he is suddenly stopped by an _____.
5. The use of a messenger or angel in the story marks this passage as having been written by which of the traditions in the Torah: J, P, E, or D? _____
6. The sacrifice is stopped because God knows how faithful Abraham is to him since Abraham would not even withhold from God his own _____.
7. Instead of his son, Abraham offers as a sacrifice a _____.
8. God's stopping the sacrifice of Isaac shows that God is different from all the other false gods of the other religions. Abraham's God does not want _____.
9. The false religions of that time were often cruel, violent, and bloody, making sacrificial victims of people, even children. This story firmly places God against such practices. Our God is not a God of violence, but of _____.