**A Picture Of Calvary**

(Genesis 22:1-2 KJV)

*1And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.2And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.*

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he most important subject matter of this chapter is what we should all call, "The Trying of Our Faith. Here we witness Abraham undergoing an oxymoron of his life by offering up of Isaac as a sacrifice. The King James Bible speaks that *"God did tempt"* (Genesis 22:1) Abraham to offer up his son as a sacrifice. Yes that right! Abraham was tempted, but a better choice of word would be he was tested for today if we use the word "tempt" it would condone the solicitation of wickedness, immorality, or just plain evil. But God never encourages anyone to do evil. But I would hurriedly say that, "God does test us in the school of faith." In fact, all schools have tests, and the school of faith has some tough exams.

This command to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac was a very severe test for Abraham. The severity of this test was a compliment for him, for God does not test one so severely unless that person has grown strong in the faith. This is not a game God is playing. This is a matter of life and death—and not only of human life and death, but the life and death of promises, God’s promises.

So here it is that we glimpse the most vividly detailed picture of Calvary. Moreover, right here on Mount Moriah was the most severe test Abraham ever faced, but he passed it with flying colors —but it wasn't an easy test, because this was a test about sacrificing Isaac on this particular mountain. Why this Mountain? There are many Mountains in the bible which consisted of a test!

1. **Mount Ararat**: is the mountain mentioned in Genesis 8. It is the mountain where Noah’s ark landed and Noah saw the rainbow of God’s promise. **That was a test!**
2. **Mount Moriah (Mt. Gerizim):** is the mountain whereby Abraham was commanded to sacrifice his Son, Isaac in Genesis 22. **That was a test!**
3. **Mount Sinai**: is the mountain where Moses received the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy and Exodus to keep us civil amongst one another. **That was a test!**

1. **Mount Pisgah/Mount Nebo**:is the mountain after many years of wandering in the desert, God showed Moses the Promised Land. **That was a test!**
2. **Mount Carmel**: is the mountain where Elijah proves to people that God is the one true God.  He does this by calling down fire from Heaven to ignite a water soaked sacrifice. **That was a test!**
3. **Mount Tabor**: is another mountain that has traditionally been considered the Mount of Transfiguration. The Transfiguration was an event in the New Testament when Jesus’ glory was revealed to Peter, James, and John those who were with him.  It was also a visual representation of Heaven meeting Earth. **That was a test!**
4. **Mount Olivet**: commonly known as the Mount of Olives is another mountain whereby Jesus prayed before his arrest and crucifixion—and ascended back to heaven on a cloud from this same mountain after his death, burial and resurrection. **That was a test!**
5. **Mount Calvary**: is the mountain whereby Jesus suffered, bleed and died for us—and the divine connection between **Mount Moriah** and **Mount Calvary** was that they are the same mountains in the Old Testament demonstrating what Jesus would go through before has carried out in the New Testament. **That was a test!**

***Four things can be said about this text which all pointed to Jesus Christ:***