

## A Four - Part Series

### Part IV

#### **“God’s Presence In The Life Of Abraham: Brings A Provision & A Salvation”**

Genesis 22:1-18

Now it came about after these things, that **God tested Abraham**, and **God spoke (Rhema)** to him, **“Abraham!”** And Abraham replied, **“Here I am!”** The **Lord said (Rhema)**, **“Take now your son (posterity), your only son (your only posterity), whom you love, Isaac, and go to the Land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering (sacrifice) on one of the mountains of which I will tell (rhema) you.”** So, Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him & **Isaac his son (his posterity)**; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which **God had told (Rhema) him**. On the third day, Abraham raised his eyes & saw the place from a distance. Abraham said to his young men, **“Stay here with the donkey, and I and my son (my beloved posterity) will go over there; and we will worship & return to you.”** Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on **Isaac his son (his posterity)**, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So, the two of them walked on together. Isaac spoke to Abraham his father saying, **“My Father!”** Abraham replied, **“Here I am, My Son!”** And Isaac inquired, **“Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering (sacrifice)?”** Abraham replied, **“God will provide for Himself the Lamb for the burnt offering (sacrifice), my son (my posterity).”** So the two of them walked on together. Then they came to the place of which **God had told (Rhema) him**; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound **his son Isaac (posterity)**, and laid **him (his posterity & sacrifice)** on the altar, on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay **his son (his posterity & sacrifice)**. But the **Angel of the Lord (Pre-Incarnate Christ) called (Rhema) to him** from heaven, **“Abraham, Abraham!”** And Abraham replied, **“Here I am!”** The **Lord spoke (Rhema)**, **“Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you Fear God, since you have not withheld your son (posterity), your only son (your only posterity) from Me.”** Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a **Ram (Substitutionary Sacrifice)** caught in the thicket **By His Horns**; and Abraham went and took the **Ram** and offered (sacrificed) **Him** up for a burnt offering (burnt sacrifice) in the place of his son (in the place of his beloved posterity). Abraham called the Name of that Place **Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Himself Will Provide)**, as it is said to this day, **“In the Mount of the Lord it will be provided (Provision Will Be Made For You)!”** Then the **Angel of the Lord called (Rhema) to Abraham** a second time from heaven, **“By Myself I (I AM) have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your only son (your only posterity), Indeed, I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply ...**

... *your seed (posterity) as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed (posterity) shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your Seed (Posterity) all the nations of the earth (all the world's posterity) shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My Voice (Rhema)!*" Genesis 22:1-18 (NKJV)

## 2 # Main Concepts Throughout This 4-Part Message

- 1) God's *Word (Logos)* Is Recorded For Us In The Bible
- 2) God Is *Speaking (Rhema)* Directly To Us Through His Word (*Logos*),  
By His *Spirit (Prayer)*, & By His Indwelling *Spirit (Presence)*!

1) He also uses a variation on **His Greatest Name**

In each of these four passages based on the theme of the **"Great I AM!"**

- 2) But Most Important concept that I want you to understand  
Is that **God Is Always Speaking (Rhema)**

In each of these four passages!

The Main Idea I will be referencing here today & over the next three weeks is that:

***God Was Constantly Speaking To Abraham Back Then,  
& He Is Constantly Speaking To Us Here Today!***

*In this passage*

**Q:** "What Does God Have To Say (*Rhema*) To Abram Back Then & To Us Today?"

**A1:** God Promises A Blessing To Us & To Others In Our Lives,  
If We Are Obedient To His Will!

**A2:** God Reminds Us That Obedience To His Will Is Our Acceptable Sacrifice Of Faith.  
Faith Requires Complete Allegiance & Trust In Him Alone!

**A3:** God Reminds Us That When We Demonstrate Our Faith & Willingness To Sacrifice  
For Him & Others; Then He Can Establish His Plan & Fulfill His Promise To Us!

**A4:** God Reminds Us That When We Demonstrate Our Faith & Willingness To Sacrifice  
For Him & Others; Then He Can Provide His Sacrifice & Fulfill His Covenant With Us!

**A5:** God Promises To Make A Provision For Us,

Even When It Seems Our Situation Is Hopeless, Or It Seems He Is Asking Too Much Of Us,  
If We Will Simply Have Faith & Trust In Him Alone To Provide For Us!

**Q:** "What Was God Trying To Reveal To Abram Back Then,  
& To Us Today Through His Presence & His Words?"

**A:** His Eternal Plan For All Of Humanity!

I. God's Eternal Plan Of **"Community & Fellowship"**

The Plan He Established Before He Created The Universe & Us

II. God's Eternal Plan Has **"Salvation"** Woven Within It

Even Though He Knew We Would Not Remain Faithful & Fall From His Grace

III. All People Are Inherently Selfish & Choose Their Will & Their Desires Over God's &  
Others. They Commit Sin & Separate Themselves From God & Others

IV. Gods Eternal Plan Of **"Community, Fellowship, & Salvation"**

Includes All People On The Earth For All Time (Believers & Unbelievers, Jews & Gentiles)

**V. God Has Been Speaking His Eternal Plan Of “Community, Fellowship, & Salvation”**

Since The Beginning Of Time Through:

- 1) His Written Word – *Logos*
- 2) His Spoken Word – *Rhema*
- 3) His Creation – *Order & Design*
- 4) His Signs – *Miracles & Wonders*
- 5) His Angels – *Dreams, Visions, Appearance, & Revelation*
- 6) His People – *Actions & Words*
- 7) Himself - *Dreams & Visions (Theophany)*, Direct *Visitation & Revelation (Epiphany)*

**VI. God Has Given Us All A Freewill To Choose How We Want To Respond To Him**

And To His Eternal Plan Of “Community, Fellowship, & Salvation”

**VII. God Always Keeps His Promises & His Word**

He Is Always Faithful, No Matter What We Choose!

**Q:** “What Was Abraham’s Response To God’s Command To Sacrifice His Only Son - His Promised & Only Posterity?”

**A1:** Abraham Acted In Complete Faith & Obedience Because  
“He Trusted God Could Make A Provision For Him & His Son!”

Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and my son (my beloved posterity) will go over there; and we will worship & return to you.” Genesis 22:5

**A2:** Abraham Acted In Complete Faith & Obedience Because  
“He Reckoned By Faith That God Could Resurrect The Dead Back To Life!”

**St. Paul Reminds Us!**

By Faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up (sacrificed up) Isaac (his beloved posterity), and he who had received the Promises was offering up (sacrificing up) his only begotten son (his only posterity); it was he to whom it was said (Rhema), “In Isaac (posterity) your descendants (posterity) shall be called.” He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as an Archetype (Of God’s Only Begotten Son For Us)! Hebrews 11:17-19

**Q:** “What Was Isaac’s Response To God’s Command To Sacrifice Himself?”

**A1:** Isaac Acted In Complete Faith & Obedience Allowing Himself To Be Prepared  
As An Acceptable Sacrifice: Bound & Placed On The Altar.

He Trusted That God Would Make A Provision For The Sacrifice Of Himself!

Isaac spoke to Abraham his father saying, “My Father!” Abraham replied, “Here I am, My Son!” And Isaac inquired, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb (sacrifice) for the burnt offering?” Genesis 22:7

**A2:** Isaac Trusted His Earthly Father’s Faith In God &  
His Heavenly Father’s Power & Provision For His Earthly Life & His Eternal Future!

“By Faith Isaac Blessed Jacob & Esau, Even Regarding Things To Come!” Hebrews 11:20

**Q:** “What Was God’s Response To Abraham’s & Isaac’s Complete Faith & Obedience In Him?”

**A1:** God Himself In The Person Of The Angel of the Lord,  
(His Only Son, The Christ - Intervened!

**A2:** God Himself In The Person Of The Angel of the Lord, His Only Son, The Christ,  
Made A Provision Of An Archetypal Substitutionary Sacrifice For Them Back Then!  
A Spotless Ram Caught By His Own Horns In A Crown Of Thorns!

**A3:** God Himself In The Person Of The Angel of the Lord, His Only Son, The Christ, Made A Provision Of A Once For All Perfect Substitutionary Sacrifice For Us Today! A Spotless Ram - The Lamb Of God, Who Takes Away The Sins Of The Whole World!

**A4:** Jesus Christ – The Male Ram, Will Come Once Again, Crowned In Glory, As Our Prophet, Our High Priest, & Our King, To Take Us – His Beloved Posterity To Heaven – To Our Eternal Heritage & Home!

**St. Paul Reminds Us Once Again Of The Provision & The Sacrifice Of Jesus Christ For Us!**

“Then I said (*rhema*), ‘Behold, I have come, in the *Volume of the Book (logos)* it is written of Me, to do *Your Will, O God!*” Previously saying, “Sacrifice & offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin you did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the Law)”, then He said (*Rhema*), “Behold, I have come to do *Your Will, O God!*” He takes away the *First (Covenant)* that He may establish the *Second (Covenant)*. By that we have been sanctified through the *Offering of the Body (Sacrifice)* of Jesus Christ Once For All! But this Man, after He Had Offered One Sacrifice For Sins Forever, sat down at the *Right Hand of God*, from that time waiting till his enemies are made *His Footstool*. For By One Offering, (*Sacrifice*) He Has Perfected Forever Those Who Are Being Sanctified. The *Holy Spirit* also witnesses to us; for after He had said (*Rhema*) before, “This is the *Covenant that I Will Make With Them* after those days, says (*Rhema*) the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds, I will write them,” then He adds (*Rhema*), “Their sins & their lawless deeds I will remember no more!” **Hebrews 10:7-10 & 12-16**

**Q:** “What Is God Asking Of Us Today In Response To His Once For All Provision & Sacrifice Of His Only Begotten Son For Us All?”

**A1:** Our Continued Faith, Obedience, & Devotion To Him Alone - Forever & Ever!

**A2:** Our Continued Willingness & Surrender To God The Father’s Transforming Holy Spirit’s Presence In Our Lives In Order To Mold Us, Shape Us, & Grow Us, Into The Image Of His One & Only Son, Jesus Christ Our Coming King & Lord!

**A3:** Our Continued Encouragement & Growth Together

As Brothers & Sisters Of His Body The Church In The Unity Of The Holy Spirit!

**A4:** Our Continued Love & Willingness In Sharing With Others,

The Good News, Of The Gospel Of Reconciliation & Peace, In Jesus Christ, Our Lord

**Paul Once Again Encourages & Exhorts Us To Keep On Our Mission!**

“Therefore, *Brothers and Sisters*, having boldness to enter the *Holiest by the Blood of Jesus (Provisional & Perfect Sacrifice)*, by a *New & Living Way (Covenant)*, which He Consecrated For Us, *Through The Veil*, that is, *His Flesh (Provisional & Perfect Sacrifice)*, And having a *High Priest Over The House Of God*, let us draw near with a true heart in full *Assurance Of Faith*, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the *Confession (Of Faith)* of our hope without wavering, for *He Who Promised Is Faithful (To Fulfill)*. And let us consider *One Another* in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the *Assembling Of Ourselves Together (Church - Body of Christ)*, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the *Day (Of His Second Coming)* approaching!”

**Hebrews 10:19-25**

**Q:** “What Will Be Mine & What Will Be Your Response Of Faith, Of Obedience, Of Holiness, & Of Evangelism, This Week, To God’s Provision Of Salvation, In Jesus Christ Your Lord?”