3-21-21 Ken Carlton

Main Text: Genesis 22:1-14

Title: MOUNT OF THE LORD
--worship text: Psalm 20--

Aim: TO PROCLAIM THE PROMISES OF GOD SUPERCEDING DEATH...

Sermon Description: Genesis provides another striking instance marking an extraordinary milestone of faith in the life of Abraham. Genesis 21 records the patriarch's interaction with Abimelech documenting a distinct change of roles between these two national figureheads. Why the sudden confidence and authority assumed on the part of Abraham who entered this land disguising his covenant identity, fearing for his life? In context we can only conclude that it was the miracle birth of the promised son that made all the difference. After the arrival of Isaac Abraham is a different man. Today, as we turn to the next chapter, we find further testimony of Abraham's godly resolve by way of an excruciating trial which will serve to show just how strong his faith truly is. Don't forget that Abraham and Sarah have already experienced the divine power of resurrection in the birth of their son, prior to facing the prospect of the death of their son in this chapter. As such, they illustrate profoundly the before and after picture of faith in Hebrews. Before: (Heb 2:14-15) "...those who through fear of death were subject to life long slavery". After: (11:35) "...women received back their dead by resurrection...". Before the birth of Isaac age welcoming the last enemy (death), was Abraham's greatest fear (Gen 15:1-2) How did this event change him? Genesis 22 answers... In light of our text today, it is no wonder Abraham and Sarah are featured so prominently in Hebrews (Heb 11:9-19), which declares by conclusion that Abraham considered that God was able to raise his son up, not only from the barren womb but even from the dead!

Heading: THE OFFERING OF ISAAC IN LIGHT OF 3 CONTEXTUAL THEMES...

	God's intentions b. Abraham's		c. Faith & resurred	etion (Heb 11:19, I Co	19, I Cor 15:13-17	
2. THE FIRE & a. The fire (Gen	<u>& THE KNIFE</u> (6-1 19)	0) b. The knife (Ge	n 15:9-10)	c. C	Cooperation	
	S PROVISION (11 Lord (John 8:56)	-14) b. Offering instead	d c. The mount	of the Lord (I Chron	21:22-22:1)	
Monday	RSHIP SCHEDULE: Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Saturday Theme: Testing Verses:	Theme: Fire & knife Verses:	Theme: Provision Verses:	Theme: Future site Verses:	Theme: Faith & resurrection Verses:	Theme: Next Week	

Gen 22:1-5 6-10 11-14 I Chron 21:22-22:1 Heb 11:8-19 Genesis 22:15-23