



# THE GREATEST TEST

## THE GREATEST TEST PART 6 - THE LORD PROVIDES

In part 6 we are going to unpack verses 13 and 14 where we will look at the Lord's provision for what He calls us to.

***Genesis 22:13-14 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the Lord it will be provided."***

The first point I want to make is, whenever God asks us to do something He always provides the means for us to accomplish it. God never expects us to come up with the means ourselves. He has given us everything we need pertaining to life and godliness in giving us His Son.

***2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.***

Through His divine power, God has given us full access to possess everything in accordance to an eternal life now, which empowers and enables us to live out a life of godliness. Failure to receive this divine power will have us trying to access life and godliness through our own strength, which only births a form of godliness.

A form of godliness is where we create a god and his ways in our own image, and we live from this perspective. It is nothing short of death painted up as life.

God calls Abraham to offer up His son Isaac, while at the very same time providing a ram to take the place of Isaac. When it comes to God's provision where are your eyes fixed? Colossians 3:2 teaches us to set our minds on the things above. What this doesn't mean is just look up. It means set your mind on the eternal kingdom of God and the life that exists in this kingdom, not on the kingdom of the world, which is all about trying to provide for



yourself all that you need.

When we think we are the ones that must provide, or we are the ones who must do, then we are outside of God's design and will never get to experience and know the life we were created for.

Abraham possessed what God had provided and performed this act of worship unto the Lord, by offering up the ram as the burnt offering. Abraham laid hold of God's provision and called the place "The Lord will provide".

It's no different to Jesus providing the food for the 15,000 people who had journeyed with Jesus into the countryside. God provided through a young boy two fish and five loaves. Jesus took that provision, gave thanks, and God blessed it into an abundant amount, which in turn fed everyone there, while having twelve basketfuls left over.

The disciple's initial response towards the crowd is to tell Jesus to send them away, so they can buy food for themselves, because they know they can't possibly address their need. What they don't realise is that God has already provided for everyone, all they need to do is put their faith in Him and obey His Son. This is where faith plays a massive part in our fellowship with the Lord. Abraham was a man of great faith, and it was by this great faith that he accomplished great works for God, making them righteous acts.

It was his faith in God that empowered and enabled him to walk in alignment to God and His way.

God has graced us to live out what truth calls us to. In saving us by grace (power) and empowering us through grace (power), we find ourselves just being able to live a life of grace (power).

Luke 7:35 "Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

## QUESTIONS

1. Why is it essential we know God provides for what He calls us to do?



2. What role does faith play in knowing this provision?
3. How do you think you would have acted if Jesus had asked you to feed the masses?
4. What does "wisdom is vindicated by her children" mean?

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