

Kenyon, E. W.The Blood Covenant

9. Abraham's Sacrifice

This chapter retells how God tested Abraham by asking him to offer his son Isaac. Abraham obeyed without hesitation, and God stopped him and swore a blessing. The point is that Abraham proved himself a covenant-keeping man, which is why God trusted him and bound His own throne to the promise.

Key takeaways

- Isaac was a miracle child, born when Abraham was 100 and Sarah 90 — humanly impossible, but Abraham believed God could keep His word.
- When God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, Abraham obeyed at once, going the full journey and building the altar; the angel stopped him only as he raised the knife.
- By passing the test, Abraham showed himself a covenant-keeper, and God swore by Himself to bless and multiply him — His own throne became the security of the promise.
- The covenant relationship gave Abraham standing to intercede, seen earlier when he pleaded with God over Sodom and Gomorrah.

Passages worth keeping

“By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD... that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed.”

God stakes His own being on the promise once Abraham proves faithful.

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Shows the boldness the covenant gave Abraham as intercessor.

How it connects

Abraham's willingness to give up his only son foreshadows the pattern of covenant sacrifice, and his intercession sets a lasting precedent of standing before God on behalf of others.

Scripture referenced

- **Genesis 22:2** -- The command to offer Isaac
- **Genesis 15:6** -- Abraham believed God
- **Genesis 21:1-3** -- Isaac's miraculous birth
- **Genesis 22:16-17** -- God swears the blessing by Himself
- **Genesis 18:25** -- Abraham interceding for Sodom