

THE HALL OF FAITH

Lesson Six: “Test of Faith”



OBJECTIVE: To pass the test when your faith is examined in particular life situations, so you may prove that you are a disciple of Jesus.

INTRODUCTION:

Let me say, there is nothing wrong with a test. We may not like tests, or we may say that we are not good test-takers. However, we cannot avoid taking tests.

Outside of education, we take tests for:

1. Driver's, License
2. Eye Exam
3. Certification Test

Today, we learn that if we are going to be God's servant, we must pass His test of faith.



READ Hebrews 11:17-19

I. Tests Prove Commitment



READ Genesis 22:1-5

- A. God Tested Abraham – The test was an intentional part of God's purpose
God Does Test
1. Deuteronomy 8:2 – Wants to know what is in your heart
 2. Exodus 20:20 – Willingness to live out the commandments
 3. James 1:22 – Desires for you to be a doer of the Word

Consider the fact that Abraham was well along in years. He is no spring stud and God is testing him.

- B. God tested Abraham on his love – His son Isaac

NOTE: A major point about faith. Faith acts and is naturally demonstrated by love. Love is the motivating influence for having faith in God. If you love God not, only will you keep His commandments, but you will believe in Him and trust His word.



READ: James 4:10 - Humble yourself before God

God tested Abraham to see if he would withhold the gift God gave to him –
vs. 12

APPLICATION: What God does in your life does not belong to you. It belongs to Him.

APPLICATION: God wants to know your true worship. He is interested in your true devotion to Him.

II. Tests Prove Your Obedience, vs. 18

A. God blesses because of our obedience, vs. 17

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Genesis 12:2

B. Abraham obeyed God, vs. 18

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Abraham went through a series of Acts of Faith

1. Genesis 11:31 – God said go the land of the Canaan
2. Genesis 12:5 - Abraham actually went
3. Genesis 13:10-14 – Abraham chose the land of Canaan
4. Genesis 14:13 - Trusted God to go get his nephew
5. Genesis 14:20-23 – Trusted God not to take from the King of Sodom
6. Genesis 15:3-7 – Trusted God for a son
7. Genesis 16:6-7 – Trusted God for established covenant
8. Genesis 17:17 – Laughed about God giving Him a son

As a result of Abraham's obedience, He was able to fulfill the vision/purpose and destiny over his life.

? **QUESTION:** What test are you going through right now?

? **QUESTION:** Are you being obedient to the commands/instructions of God?

CONCLUSION:

Life is a series of tests. One test after another will come in your life. Your response is to love God by faith, and He will lead you through the tests.