

SABBATH, March 9.—**LESSON X.—Trial of Abraham's Faith.**—(Gen. xxii. 7-14.)

*Leader.* 7. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?

*School.* 8. And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together.

*L.* 9. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. Heb. xi. 17.

*S.* 10. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

*L.* 11. And the angel of the Lord called unto him

out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

*S.* 12. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me. 1 Sam. xv. 22; James ii. 22.

*L.* 13. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son.

*S.* 14. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen. Ps. cv. 9.

**TOPIC**—Obedience better than Sacrifice.

**Golden Text**—And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together. Gen. xxii. 8.

**LESSON SCHEME.****BIBLE SEARCHINGS:**

{Carefully read Gen. xxii. 1-7, introductory to the lesson,}

Heb. xi. 17-19. 2 Sam. xviii. 5-33. Matt. x. 37, 38. Rom. viii. 32. Jas. ii. 21, 22. Ps. ciii. 13. 2 Chron. iii. 1

**Outline:**

- I. THE PERPLEXING QUESTION, v. 7;
- II. THE WORD OF FAITH, v. 8;
- III. THE DEED OF FAITH, v. 9, 10;
- IV. THE REWARD OF FAITH, v. 11-13;
- V. THE MEMORIAL OF FAITH, v. 14.

Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

**1.** Where was Abraham dwelling? ch. xxi. 33. Where was he commanded to go? ch. xxii. 2. Where was Moriah? 2 Chron. iii. 1. What was Abraham commanded to do? v. 2. Who went up the mountain? v. 5, 6. What did they take with them? v. 7. What question did Isaac ask of his father? v. 7. What was necessary for a burnt-offering?

**2.** What was Abraham's answer? {Repeat "Golden Text."}

**3.** What preparation did Abraham make for the sacrifice? v. 9.

What did he do to Isaac? v. 9. Who offered his "only begotten Son" for the world?

In what does Isaac remind us of Jesus? [1. An only Son; 2. Son of Promise; 3. Son of Blessing; 4. Offered by his Father; 5. Willing to be Offered.]

How did Abraham shew his complete obedience to God's command? v. 10.

Would his obedience have been more complete if he had slain his son?

**4.** Why was Isaac not slain? v. 12.

How had Abraham shown his love for God? v. 12.

How did the Lord "provide" a sacrifice for Abraham? v. 13.

**5.** What name did Abraham give to the mountain? v. 14.

What is the meaning of "Jehovah-jireh"? [The Lord will provide.]

Where do we learn in this lesson—

1. That God often tests His children to try their faith in Him?
2. That it is our duty to obey God without asking questions?
3. The duty of doing all we can, leaving the results to God?
4. The blessing of complete trust in God?
5. That "obedience is better than sacrifice?"

**Song of the Third Month.**

BY FANNY CROSBY.

Make haste, the command of the angel to Lot,  
God raineth o'er Sodom destruction to-day;  
The morn hath arisen, then tarry thou not;  
Escape for thy life, to the mountain away.

**CHORUS:**

There's a mountain of blessing where shineth the light  
Of faith, in its glory transcendently bright;  
It praiseth the storm-cloud, though darkly it roll,  
And points to the Refuge and Rock of the soul.

Doth Abraham waver or question the will  
That claims for an offering the son of his love?  
The hand that is lifted its work to fulfil,  
Is stayed from the Lord by an angel above.

**CHORUS:** "There's a mountain of blessing," &c.

Lord, grant us that faith! may we watch unto prayer,  
And lose not the birthright bequeathed us by thee,  
Lest haply, like Esau, we cry in despair,  
O hast thou, my father, no blessing for me?

**CHORUS:** "There's a mountain of blessing," &c.

**Home Readings.**

M. Gen. xxii. 7-14.

Tu. John xiv. 15-26.

W. Ps. cxlix. 97-112.

Th. Acts xx. 17-32.

F. Matt. xxvi. 33-45.

S. 1 Sam. xii. 13-25.

S. Rev. iii. 1-13.