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“YHWH-Jireh: The Lord Will See and Provide”

Gen 22:1

Some time later **God tested Abraham**. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. NIV

How often do we forget that God tests us! Abraham is called the father of faith. How was his faith proven? In testing!

Ps 11:4

The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD's throne is in heaven; **His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men**. NKJV

The Lord's gaze is so penetrating that even if they were shut, He would see us! He looks down from His throne in heaven and He tests the sons of men.

Prov 15:3

The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. NIV

It should come as no big surprise that God can see everything. His eyes are everywhere and He beholds the good and the bad.

Gen 3:7-8

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. NIV

Even though it may come as no big surprise that God sees everything, we must fight the tendency of our flesh to imagine God shortsighted! How often are we tempted, whether serving or sinning, to think that God does not see what we do? In the flesh, it is either “No one appreciates me, no one understands” or “no one will catch me, no one will know.” We must continually remind ourselves that this is not the case. Our Father in heaven sees all.

Gen 22:2 NIV

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Boy, when He said test, He wasn't talking open book simplicity! This was the son of Abraham's old age. This was the son of promise. God had promised to establish His covenant with Abraham through Isaac. And now he had to sacrifice him?

Can you imagine what would have happened if Abraham had gone to prophetic prayer counseling after receiving this word? “You know, Abraham, this command you say you received

from the Lord directly contradicts His earlier word to you. You must realize that they don't line up. Don't you see you need some deliverance?"

Abraham's trust in the Lord was based on relationship, not the letter of the law. If in Abraham's eyes God had made a contradictory demand, then God must have some way of accepting His demand and fulfilling His promise.

Heb 11:17-19

17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,

18 even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

19 Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death. NIV

Is it any wonder he became the father of faith? If God promised that my offspring would come from Isaac and then asks me to kill him, then God must be planning to resurrect him from the dead. This reasoning process left disobedience completely out of the picture!

Gen 22:3-14

3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 So Abraham called that place **The LORD Will Provide**. And to this day it is said, **"On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."** NIV

*The Lord had sent him to the region of Moriah. Like YHWH-Jireh, Moriah is a combination of **ra'ah**, to see, and **Yah** (short for YHWH). In other words, Moriah has the same meaning as YHWH-Jireh. On the mountain of the Lord, it will be provided.*

What was provided? The ram for the sacrifice. The Lord saw the faith of Abraham and provided for him the necessary sacrifice.

YHWH-Jireh

This was the first redemptive amplification of the Name of the Lord. Abraham now knew God as the One who sees and provides. After passing the test of faithfulness, the Lord confirms His covenant with Abraham.

Gen 22:15-18 NIV

- 15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time
16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,
17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,
18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

When the Lord made covenant with Himself regarding Abraham, He told him what would happen to his progeny.

Gen 15:13-14

- 13 Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.
14 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. NIV

It was the Lord Who Sees and Provides that confirmed this covenant with Abraham.

The Eyes of the Lord and Deliverance from Egypt-

Ex 2:24-3:10

- 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
25 **And God looked upon the children of Israel,** and God had respect unto them.
1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.
2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.
3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
4 **And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see,** God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.
5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.
6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.
7 And the LORD said, **I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt,** and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;
8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto

the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: **and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.**

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. KJV

The Lord who had revealed Himself as the One who Sees to Abraham now informs Moses that He sees the affliction of the children of Israel and has come to deliver them. Moses came to understand and believe the delivering power of God.

Ex 14:13

And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD,** which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. KJV

Provided on the Mountain of the Lord-

1 Sam 16:1-7

1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: **for I have provided me a king among his sons.**

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, **Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.** KJV

We need to understand that the Lord doesn't see as we see. We tend to focus on the external. God is focused on the heart of man.

The Lord had provided for Himself a King. His name was David.

1 Chron 21:15-28

15 And God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. But as the angel was doing so, the LORD saw it and was grieved because of the calamity and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "Enough! Withdraw your hand." The angel of the LORD was then standing at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

- 16 David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown.
- 17 David said to God, "Was it not I who ordered the fighting men to be counted? I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? O LORD my God, let your hand fall upon me and my family, but do not let this plague remain on your people."
- 18 Then the angel of the LORD ordered Gad to tell David to go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.
- 19 So David went up in obedience to the word that Gad had spoken in the name of the LORD.
- 20 While Araunah was threshing wheat, he turned and saw the angel; his four sons who were with him hid themselves.
- 21 Then David approached, and when Araunah looked and saw him, he left the threshing floor and bowed down before David with his face to the ground.
- 22 David said to him, "Let me have the site of your threshing floor so I can build an altar to the LORD, that the plague on the people may be stopped. Sell it to me at the full price."
- 23 Araunah said to David, "Take it! Let my lord the king do whatever pleases him. Look, I will give the oxen for the burnt offerings, the threshing sledges for the wood, and the wheat for the grain offering. I will give all this."
- 24 But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing."
- 25 So David paid Araunah six hundred shekels of gold for the site.
- 26 David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. He called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.
- 27 Then the LORD spoke to the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.
- 28 At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, he offered sacrifices there. NIV

As the Lord had provided a ram for Abraham, so He now provided oxen for David. And David made sacrifice and the Lord answered in fire.

2 Chron 3:1

Then Solomon began to build **the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah**, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David. NIV

It was on this site that the Temple was built. And it was in this region that our Lord was crucified. God provided the Lamb upon the mountain as a sacrifice for us.

The Promise of the Father-

1 Kings 9:3

The LORD said to him: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, **by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.** NIV

If this is the Lord's heart towards the temple built with men's hands, what about His temple today?

Eph 2:17-22

- 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.
- 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
- 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,
- 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.
- 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.
- 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. NIV

2 Cor 6:16-18 NIV

- 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."
- 17 "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."
- 18 "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

He is our Father and we are His temple and His eyes are always on us.

Gal 3:1-3

- 1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
- 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
- 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? KJV

It was through the crucifixion of His flesh that Christ made possible a life by the Spirit, the ultimate provision of the Father.

The Promise of the Father-

Luke 11:9-13

- 9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.
- 10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.
- 11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?
- 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?
- 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" NIV

Acts 2:32-33

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. NIV

The Eyes of Jesus-

Zech 3:8-9

8 "Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.

9 See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! **There are seven eyes on that one stone**, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day. NIV

Zech 4:10

"Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "**(These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range throughout the earth.)**" NIV

2 Chron 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war." NIV

Rev 5:6

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. **He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.** NIV

These seven eyes are none other than the Holy Spirit, from whom nothing is hidden. It is by the Spirit that the Lord sees and it is through His Spirit that He provides.

Heb 4:12-16

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.** KJV

Remember that our Heavenly Father is gracious and has provided on the mountain a sacrifice acceptable by Whom He gave us His Holy Spirit. He is YHWH-Jireh, He sees and provides!