

THE SCARLET THREAD OF SCRIPTURE

UNIT 1: The Need for Atonement DATE: January 11, 2015

LESSON 2: "The Lord Will Provide" (Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:17-19)

NEXT WEEK: "When I See the Blood (The Passover)" (Exodus 11:1-12:30)

OVERVIEW

"The Bible reveals that there is anarchy somewhere, real thorough-going anarchy in the heart of men against God; therefore the need is strong that something should come into us from the outside to readjust us, to reconcile us, to turn us round, to put us right with God. The doctrine of the Atonement is the explanation of how God does that."

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INTRODUCTION

- Like _____, salvation always begins from above. _____ doesn't rise; it falls.
- Atoning blood for our sin is provided from above.
- There is nothing we can do to rise up from the ground and stretch our way to God.

GOD REQUIRES A SPECIAL _____ (GENESIS 22:1-6).

- *God made a _____ with Abraham (Genesis 12, 15).*
- *Throughout the pages of Scripture we see that God is not only a promise-_____ ; He is a promise-_____ !*
- *God's _____ seemed to jeopardize His promise (Genesis 22:1-6).*
- *Abraham responded in _____ and _____ to God's requirement for a special sacrifice.*

ATONEMENT MUST COME FROM _____ (GENESIS 22:7-14).

- *"Where is the _____?" summarizes the entirety of the Old Testament.*
- *Humanity could not offer this sacrifice; we are _____. Instead, the atoning sacrifice had to come from above.*
- *Abraham did not trust himself to _____; he trusted God to _____.*
- *In love, God gave His _____ and provided atonement from above.*

FAITH IS TRUSTING IN GOD'S _____ (HEBREWS 11:17-19).

- *Biblical faith is all about trusting in God's _____ and _____.*
- *"Having faith does not mean never having doubts or questions. It does mean remaining _____." ~ John Ortberg*

CONCLUSION

- Remember, grace comes from above.
- God is the One who bends down to earth when we cannot raise ourselves to heaven.
- God is the One who brings humanity to a point of intimate contact with divinity.

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