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Resurrection Power for those who Believe: The God, the Faith & the Offspring of Abraham

1. Know the God of Abraham

- God tested Abraham & he obeyed
- Abraham believed 'God will provide'
- Abraham feared God unconditionally
- "The Lord will provide" & He will surely bless Abraham (& all nations)

2. Embrace the Faith of Abraham (see Heb 11:8-19)

- Obey by faith as stranger & exiles on earth, believing God will provide (with resurrection power)
- Fear our faithful, covenant-keeping God who tests us & glorifies Himself

3. Worship & Proclaim the 'Offspring' of Abraham (Jesus our Savior)

- Both Isaac & Jesus are sons of Abraham, but Scripture is a Christ-centered book (so read accordingly) (Ge 22:2; Lk 24:25-27,44ff; Mt 1:1ff; Ac 13:23ff)
- Both Isaac & Jesus carried the wood, but only Jesus was sacrificed (Ge 22:6; Jn 19:17ff)

- God provided a substitute for Abraham's son, but He provided His own Son as the substitute for us (who are Abraham's 'offspring') (Ge 22:8,12-14; Rom 3:25f; 8:32; Heb 2:14ff; 7:27; 9:1ff; 10:10ff)
- God raised Isaac (figuratively) & Jesus (literally) on the 3rd Day, but only Jesus has all authority & only He is with us always to the end of the age (as we make disciples of all nations) (Ge 22:5,13; Heb 11:19; Mt 12:40; 16:21; 28:1-10,16ff; Lk 24:46; 1Co 15:4)

How the Old Testament Prepares Us for the Third Day - by Justin Dillehay

Excerpts taken from: thegospelcoalition.org/article/old-testament-third-day/ (April 20, 2019)

Where is it written that Christ would rise on the third day? To find the answer, we must remember that the Old Testament has more than one way of pointing to Christ ... the Old Testament also points to Christ through typological patterns, such as the slaying of the Passover lamb and the building of the tabernacle ([1 Cor. 5:7](#); [John 1:14](#)). These are also things that Jesus *fulfills*. And I believe the "third day" Scriptures that Paul alludes to in [1 Corinthians 15:4](#) fall into this category. In the Old Testament we find a pattern of God doing [big things on the third day](#). Redemptive things. Revelatory things. And yes, resurrection things ... We're probably all familiar with the story of Abraham offering up Isaac ([Genesis 22](#)). It was an excruciating test of Abraham's faith, as God commanded him to do the unthinkable, only to provide a substitute at the last minute. This event is a picture of God offering up Jesus on Good Friday. Isaac is described as Abraham's "only son, whom he loved" ([Gen. 22:2](#); [John 3:16](#)). He's seen carrying the wood on which he would be slain ([Gen. 22:6](#); [John 19:17](#)). And when he asks his father, "Here is the wood but where is the lamb?" Abraham replies, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering" ([Gen. 22:7-8](#)). He would indeed. Whereas God spared Abraham's son, he didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all ([Rom. 8:32](#)).

But there's more. The story is also a picture of Jesus's resurrection. Abraham tells his servant that *both he and Isaac* will return ([Gen. 22:5](#)). The writer of Hebrews seems to infer from this that Abraham believed God would raise Isaac from the dead: "He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back" ([Heb. 11:19](#)). Figuratively speaking, Isaac was offered up. And figuratively speaking, he was raised from the dead. [Genesis 22](#) describes the time frame for Isaac's figurative death and resurrection: So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he . . . went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ([Gen. 22:3-4](#)) This is when it went down. The typology isn't precise, of course. For Isaac, this all happened on the same day (not on a Friday and a Sunday). Still, what happened to Jesus literally happened to Isaac figuratively: His father received him back from the dead. And according to [Genesis 22:4](#), it happened on the third day. {Other examples given by Dillehay in this article: [Descending on Sinai \(Ex 19\)](#), [Raising Israel \(Ezk 37\)](#) and [Saving Jonah \(Jonah 1-2\)](#)}