

## The Lord Provides

Genesis 22:8, 14

### 1. **The Lord Has Promised**

When God created Adam, He only forbid him from eating from a single tree in unimaginably bountiful garden of the Eden (Gn. 2:16-17). After Adam knowingly broke God's command, He mercifully delayed the full fury of His judgment and first promised to fully and finally deal with the problem of sin that man had introduced (Gn. 3:15)

### 2. **The Lord Will Provide**

God promised to give Abram a land that his descendants would inherit when he was a seventy-five year old man without any children (Gn. 11:30; 12:4). God further specified that His promise would be fulfilled with a son that would be born when he was 100 and his wife was 91 (Gn. 17:16-19). Then when God commanded Abraham to offer this same promised son as a burnt offering, Abraham believed that God would keep His prior promises even if that required Him to raise Isaac from the dead (Gn. 18:14; cf. Hb. 11:17-19).

### 3. **The Lord Has Provided**

Jesus was intentionally fulfilling the plan of the triune God and the prophecies which had been given concerning His work in salvation (cf. Jn. 19:28). He is the seed of the woman who ultimately defeats the devil. He is the promised one by whom all nations are blessed through Abraham (Gn. 22:18; Gal. 3:15-17). He is the Son who was not spared, but given as an offering to the Lord (Isa. 53:10-12).

### 4. **The Lord Will Freely Give**

Adam plunged mankind in a situation of utter desperation. It was God's unilateral decision to reconcile men to Himself by going through the great effort of offering His own Son as a substitutionary sacrifice for men. And because God has not withheld His own Son, we have absolute confidence that He will give us all that He has promised (Ro. 8:32).