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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“Enjoy Him as Jehovah-jireh/He Reveals Himself To Us”

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“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. 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.’” (Genesis 22:13-14) The King James says, - “And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh as it is to this day, ‘In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.’”

These passages of Scripture are found in one of the most unusual, and at the same time, one of the most exciting accounts in the Word of God. Just as the Lord revealed Himself to Abraham, He reveals Himself to us through the Spirit, as He brings revelation and illumination of the written Word of God.

I would propose to you that God, our heavenly Father is the God who sees and provides as we walk in obedience to His will in our lives. The Lord is as much involved in our lives in practical ways on this earth as He is in our spiritual hearts as it pertains to eternity.

There is so much for us to grasp in the Biblical account of Abraham, Isaac and the ram. However, in this series of Sermonettes, the Holy Spirit

of Christ wants you to grasp the truth of God being Jehovah-jireh in practical ways.

The best way to protect yourself from giving up on the Lord is to have Holy Spirit revelation of what God told Abraham before the announcement of His covenant with him. Catch this

powerful truth, “...The Word of the Lord came to [Abraham] in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid, [Abraham], I am your shield, your great reward.’” (Genesis 15:1)

At this time in history, the Lord was making a covenant with Abraham. Despite all that

Abraham had done in the power and strength of God, in his mind he was no better off in regard to having an heir from his own flesh and blood. There was a practical concern that lay on Abraham’s heart and was dear to him. Abraham wanted an heir for his estate. God spoke to him and gave Abraham the promise of a son (Genesis 15:2-5) There is a powerful truth that must be grasped if one is going to enjoy God as Jehovah-jireh like Abraham did. Genesis 15:6 says, “Abraham believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness.” The Christian’s greatest reward is to have God and Christ, to know and believe God’s Word. This automatically places you in a covenant relationship with the Lord.

I plan to have several teachings on this wonderful truth, God is Jehovah-jireh. Please make time to watch for or seek out these teachings found under these subtitles: Biblically Tested, Grasping the Meaning of Jehovah-Jireh, Significance of God Being Your Provider, and Living in the Realization of His Provision.

Let God give you revelation of His love and practical provision in your life.

Encouragement

On the days that we are feeling especially happy perhaps we could challenge ourselves to share a smile with someone who needs one. It's easy to smile at a cheerful person, but how much greater the blessing to try to cheer up a discouraged or angry person. Joyfulness is contagious!



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Paul writes in his letter to the Romans (1:11-12), “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that it, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.” Share your joy with others at your house of worship this week, God will smile on you!

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Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
24	25	26	27	30	31	32
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