# Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

# "Enjoy Him as Jehovah-jireh/Biblically Tested"

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to prove Himself as Jehovah-Holy Spirit illumination of the Lord being your provider, you must be hungry to know the meaning, the significance, and realization of God being

Jehovah-jireh. The first astep to enjoying God as Jehovah-jireh is that the believer be willing to be Biblically tested. The opening Scripture to our teaching about Abraham's faith says, "Some time later God tested Abraham...." (Genesis 22:1) God gives different dispensations – ways for mankind to show their love to Him. Obedience in these dispensations always opens spiritual eyes and hearts to the will of God and often enables the child of God to enjoy Him as Jehovah-jireh, even in practical ways. Human life stands under a divine testing which climaxes in the judgment of God. Set under the Lord's careful watch. Christians come under twofold testing. One, will the children of God seek Him and two, will Christians let Him reveal His provision and will to them in

the midst of the testing? The word tested (nāsāh) in Genesis 22:1 is a verb meaning to test, to try, to prove. This word appears nearly forty times in the Old Testa-

There are different situa- ment, often referring to God qualification. Let the Holy Spirit (James 1:13) The author of tions in life in which a child testing the faith and faithfulness place this truth into your minds of God can expect the Lord of human beings. Testing from and illuminate it into your spiria New Testament understand- tual heart, "strong faith is often jirch. Before you can receive ing protects Christians from exercised with strong trials and compromise and enables them put upon in hard service." (Matto grasp God's will for them. To thew Henry Commentary) The be tested as Abraham was tested Lord does not allow His children means to be subjected to a test for to be tested to see if they will fall.

> x ODarkness is as Light

We have often heard it said "it is darkest right before the dawn". Yet, we have faith that the light of day will appear. Why? Because it never fails...there is always a new dawn. God never fails to bring a new day.

You will see a new dawn, no matter how hopeless life seems, when you have faith in the power of your Heavenly Father. Psalms 139:12 proclaims, "...even the darkness will not be dark to you, the night will shine like the day; for darkness is as light to you."

Learn of God's limitless power over darkness, visit His House this week. Pray with God and He will bring you into the light.

Weekly	Scripture	Reading
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Psalms **Psalms** 33 50 Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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the trial brings on the testing so the children of God may discover His grace, empowerment, and enablement. (1 Peter 1:7)

God allowed Job to be tested by Satan so that he might be seen and known as a man who trusted in the Lord. Abraham's particular testing time came after he had exercised faith in God through a variety of hardships and many difficulties. There is a wrong expectation found among the people of God. They think the longer they have served and have proven faithful in the storms of life, the less they will have to endure. Nothing is further from the truth. Please note, "Many former trials and testing will not supersede nor secure us from further trials and test." (Matthew Henry Commentary)

The Lord knows just what dispensation you need to provide you the opportunity to show your love for Him. The right response in your present dispensation enables you to have a heart that causes you seek the Lord and enjoy his provision and protection in the greatest trials of your

What testing is God setting before you? What are you to lay on the altar so you may enjoy all the Lord as Jehovahjireh, has in your life.



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