

Jehovah-Jireh – The Lord Will Provide

Intro: There comes a time in the life of a person of faith when he must show whether he actually fully trusts God or not. It is Abraham who gives God the title, Jehovah-Jireh. Let us understand why and may we also try to learn the challenging lesson behind this another name of God.

1. Background

- A. Remember the meaning and significance of Jehovah (Yahweh)
- B. All that had happened to Abraham in his life led to this point in time.
- C. Abraham is presented with the command to sacrifice his promised son.
- D. He and Sarah laughed when they found out that would have a child, think of his reaction to this command. Read Genesis 22:1-8.

2. Meaning of Jireh

- A. Question asked, “Where is the Lamb?” Answer: “God will provide”.
- B. Jireh comes from a word which is the form of the verb, “to see”.
- C. Why used here? With God, to see is to foresee. With God, “prevision” is followed by “provision”.
- D. Another form of the word is translated “seer” or “prophet”.
- E. Other translations for 22:8 – God will see it; God will see for himself a lamb the burnt offering.
- F. Still meaning the same as “provide”.

3. Why the name?

- A. Obviously, a commemoration of a great deliverance by God.
- B. It was here that Abraham learned that his son was not his, but a gift entrusted to him by God. (Remember Hannah with Samuel.)
- C. It was here that Abraham teaches us that God always provides.

4. Abraham’s faith met its ultimate challenge.

- A. Consider the progression of events recorded, beginning with Genesis 14-21.
- B. It was at this point of obedience that God’s blessing was unleashed. See Genesis 22:16-18. (Grace comes to the obedient.)
- C. Consider James 1:23-25
- D. The degree of trust needed is seen in the idea found in Matthew 10:37-39.

Conclusion: An obvious question for us is, “What is our Isaac?” Are we willing to finally tell God that we will put our welfare totally in his hands? Thought: Was there a way he could have partially trusted God in this incident? The choice was given to Abraham and he chose to trust God completely. He had fully learned that God Will Provide, or Jehovah Jireh.