

Abraham Taught Isaac Well  
(Ephesians 6:1-4)

Introduction:

1. These verses deal with an important relationship that needs a lot of attention today: "the father-child relationship."
2. God is the Creator of this relationship, and He has given responsibilities to everyone involved.
  - a. God has revealed His will for children in Ephesians 6:1-3.
  - b. God has revealed His will for fathers in Ephesians 6:4.
3. In our lesson we are studying a number of passages that tell us about Abraham and his son Isaac.
4. We will see that "Abraham taught Isaac well."
5. Abraham set a great example for fathers in that he brought up Isaac *"in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."*
6. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE LORD KNEW SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL ABOUT ABRAHAM (Genesis 18:16-19)
  - A. The Lord had just informed Abraham that he and Sarah would have a son.
  - B. The Lord informed Abraham about His plan to inspect the wickedness of Sodom.
  - C. The Lord's special knowledge of Abraham is revealed in vs.19.
  - D. With this information before us, let us turn our attention to the occasion when God tested Abraham's faith (Genesis 22:1-14).
  - E. The second main point we are making is that . . .
- II. ABRAHAM TAUGHT ISAAC WELL
  - A. As Abraham's faith was tested, he taught Isaac 3 practical lessons.
    1. Abraham taught Isaac to fear God (vs.12; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).
    2. Abraham taught Isaac to trust God (Hebrews 11:17-19).
    3. Abraham taught Isaac that faith includes obedience (James 2:21-24).
  - B. As Abraham's faith was tested, he also taught Isaac 5 important lessons about "worship."
    1. Abraham taught Isaac that God dictates the manner in which He is to be worshipped.
      - a. God told Abraham what to do in vs.2.
      - b. Abraham did not object, and he did not tell God what he was willing to do.
      - c. One item of acceptable worship is worshipping *"in truth"* (John 4:24).
    2. Abraham taught Isaac that God does not accept substitutes in worship.
      - a. Even though he was over 100 years old, Abraham did not pass on his responsibilities to Sarah or his servants.
      - b. Furthermore, Abraham did not try to offer Ishmael instead of Isaac.
      - c. God does not accept substitute forms of worship.
    3. Abraham taught Isaac that worshipping God involves paying a price.
      - a. Abraham gave up something when he offered animals to God.
      - b. Offering Isaac involved paying a much higher price.
      - c. David made a statement about the price of worship in 2 Samuel 24:24.
    4. Abraham taught Isaac to take worship seriously.
      - a. Worship is not a time for entertainment.
      - b. Another item of acceptable worship is worshipping *"in spirit"* (John 4:24).
    5. Abraham taught Isaac that worship is accompanied by a blessing (vs.15-18).

Conclusion:

1. Abraham helps us to understand and appreciate the serious responsibility that God has given to fathers (Ephesians 6:4).
2. Abraham was a great father to Isaac, and we can become his spiritual descendants today (Galatians 3:26-29).