

# Our Surrender

## The Fear of the Lord

### **Surrender, obedience... out of the fear of the Lord.**

*Surrender involves trust - that God is good and that he is faithful.*

*To do what He promised - no matter the path he takes us on to accomplish His purposes.*

*Example: God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his son, his only son.*

*The Son he waited on for 25 years!*

*The son that Kings and nations had been promised to come through.*

#### ***Even in his lack of understanding...***

**Gen 22:3** says, "Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey."

*He obeys instantly, though it surely hurt him.*

#### **Without understanding, he obeyed.**

*Imagine: what level of Surrender to the purposes and plan of God would this take for us?*

*Because he fears God, he doesn't hesitate in obeying Him even with great pain and to do so.*

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*Imagine...*

## **Genesis 22:7-18 NIV**

"Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

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."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.""

**If you fear God**, you will wholeheartedly obey what He asks you to do.

**Obedience is the outward evidence of the fear of the Lord.**

When we fear God, we will obey Him instantly — even if it hurts, even if we don't understand, even if we can't see the benefit or the end of the story.

**What is God asking you to do?** Do it, and do it completely. Your obedience to God will open the doors to His blessing and position you to step into all He has for you.

## *The Fear of the Lord*

Meaning: Awe, Reverence

The Fear of the Lord is the proper response to the awareness of His presence. Responding to this awareness can bring you into a place of acknowledging who He really is!

This fear of the Lord compels you to worship Him.

It compels you to honor Him and His ways.

It compels you to place Him in the center of everything in your life.

It is a precious, holy thing.

## **What happens when the fear of the Lord is present?**

Wisdom = Proverbs 9:10

Stability = Isaiah 33:6

Protection = Psalm 34:7

Blessing = Psalm 112:1

Long life = Proverbs 10:27

## **What happens when the fear of the Lord is absent?**

Proverbs 1:28 (22-33)

Romans 1:21-32

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# What does The Fear of the Lord in your life look like?

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**FOR YOUR FAMILY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR YOUR AREA IN THE MARKETPLACE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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