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GOD'S GREAT GIFT

The word love is first found in the Old Testament in the story of Abraham offering up Isaac as a burnt offering, in Genesis twenty-two God said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love and offer him as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains that I will tell you of." The first time love is mentioned in the New Testament is when God said at the baptism of Jesus, "This is My beloved Son in whom I Am well pleased."

The first mention of love in the Old Testament was the love of a father for his only son, and the first mention of love in the New Testament is the love of the Heavenly Father for His only Son. Both were only sons by a miraculous birth.

GREAT TEST

The first time Abraham was tested was when God told him to leave home and his kindred and go to a place that he would be shown. Paul says in Hebrews that Abraham by faith went out not knowing where he was going. He was looking for a city that hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.

Many today have had the same test of their faith. Sometimes it is hard to leave the convictions of family and friends in the matter of their religious convictions and follow the word of God. Remember Jesus said, "He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me." It is hard to find a person who has the faith of Abraham, a person who will heed the call of the Lord Jesus and if necessary leave kindred and even homeland to serve the Lord.

But this test was different. No crowds would stand by applauding. No metal would be struck in his honor. No stamp would be issued with his picture on it. No statue would be erected commemorating the event. This would be a cold naked test of faith. Abraham was at the point in life when he thought he could put his life on cruise and coast on in life. Abraham had his greatest trial as an old man. Actually there will never come a time at any age in our

lives when we will not have any trials one way or another.

THE TEST GREATLY NEEDED

Now this test of Abraham would be a test that was needed. Abraham had reached the place in life where everything depended on Isaac. Everything depends on our money, everything depends on our talent, No! Money can be lost and all else; everything depends on God. Isaac could be taken away from him.

So Abraham meets his greatest trial head on. God said offer up Isaac as a burnt offering, so Abraham rose up early in the morning and started chopping wood for the burnt offering. He conferred not with flesh and blood. Put it off, and you may never do it. He did not take anybody into his confidence. He never even asked Sarah about it. There are some matters in the word of God that we had better not confer with flesh and blood. God said in Genesis 6:3: "My Spirit shall not always strive with men."

And now Abraham arose up early in the morning and with his two servants, his son Isaac and the donkey loaded with the wood; starts for the mountain that God told him about. He lifted up his eyes on the third day and saw the place. Whenever you read about the third day in scripture there is a good chance that you are standing on resurrection ground and this is no exception. It was on the third day of creation that the waters moved back and the dry land appeared. That was the first resurrection on the third day and it would not be the last. Then too we are reminded of the words of Peter when he said, "A day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." From that perspective the Lord Jesus ascended to heaven the day before yesterday. The third day is also the beginning of the twenty-first century.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Abraham told the two young men to wait while he and the lad go to the top of the mountain to worship and come again to you, but what did they do when they worshiped?

Then we read in Acts 10:25 that Cornelius a Roman Centurion fell down before Peter and worshiped him. This type of worship was unacceptable because Peter raised him up saying, "Stand up; I myself also am a man." And then another form of worship at Athens unacceptable to Paul in Acts 17:16 when Paul saw the city full of idols: images of God, in the likeness of men, and told them to repent. The worship of Abraham and Isaac must have been like the worship Jesus talked about when he said in John 4:23, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

ISAAC CARRIED THE WOOD

So Abraham loaded the wood from the donkey to the back of Isaac: took fire in his hand, and a knife and they went both of them together. There were two people that ascended the mountain of sacrifice: the father and the son. Think you not that when Jesus staggered up the bloody slopes of Calvary He went alone. The Father had just as much to do with it as the Son. They went both of them together.

Isaac carried the wood up the hill. In John 19:17, "They took Jesus therefore and he went out bearing for himself the cross." Isaac carried the wood and Jesus carried the wood. Abraham was not only willing to offer up his son as a burnt offering, but God the Father was willing to give His only begotten Son. God the Father was willing, and God the Son was willing to give His life also. Jesus had said, "I have the power to lay down my life, and I have power to take it again. No one takes it from me."

WHERE IS THE LAMB?

Then on the way up the mountain Isaac asked his father a very important question. "My Father, here is the wood for the burnt offering, and here is the fire, but where is the lamb?" Abraham told him, "God will provide for Himself a lamb."

The Lamb is to be found at the cross. The Apostle John said, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." Where is the Lamb? When Philip preached to the Ethiopian Eunuch he began from this scripture and preached unto him Jesus. The scripture where he began told of a Lamb who before His shearer is dumb. When the Ethiopian heard about the slain Lamb he wanted to be baptized. Where is the Lamb? He is to be found in the waters of baptism. Acts eight says that they went down into the water both Philip and the eunuch and he baptized him. Where is the Lamb? He is in Heaven on the throne interceding for the Christian. Where is the lamb? John in Revelation sees Him there when he said, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb." Where is the Lamb? Abraham said that God will provide for Himself a Lamb and He did.

ABRAHAM BOUND ISAAC

When they came to the place Abraham built an altar and laid the wood in order. After laying the wood in order Abraham bound Isaac and laid him on the altar upon the wood. Isaac was bound and so was the Lord Jesus. They bound Him and led Him away and delivered Him up to Pilate the Governor. People still bind the Lord today. The

hands of Jesus are bound by a congregation when about one-third to a half of the members shows up for the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day. He is bound by the ignorance of His people in their knowledge of the word of God. The Lord Jesus is limited as to how much He can do because we have bound Him.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR JESUS

So, Isaac was bound, and laid upon the altar. Abraham stretched forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son. His hand was raised, and at that moment an angel called unto him from Heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham:" and he said, "Here am I." The angel said, "Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do you anything unto him for now I know that you fear God, seeing that you have not withheld your son, your only son from Me."

Hear it again, "Lay not thy hand upon the lad." Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw a ram caught in the thicket by the horns and he took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. Isaac was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ in many points. But there is one thing that is missing. The ram was the substitute for Isaac. There was no substitute for Jesus on the cross.

CONCLUSION

Abraham built an altar there on the mountain and called the name of the place Jehovah-jireh; which means in the mount of the Lord it shall be seen. Abraham had already told Isaac the Lord will provide a lamb my son, and when he saw the place; he knew this was the place where God would provide the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, and then Abraham with prophetic vision looked across the chasm of almost two thousand years to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the world, and saw the Lamb of God crucified on the cross; raised up from the dead, and after gave the Great Commission ascended back to heaven to the right hand of God. Then Abraham knew that God did indeed provide the Lamb-the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Abraham said the Lord will provide a lamb, and the Lord did provide, Jehovah-jireh the Lamb was Jesus, and Calvary is the place.

LETTERS

Ed Bousman, Greetings in Christ's name.

Please send your book of gospel Bible studies and Bible you announced at the end of your broadcast on Bible Voice Europe.

Yours Sincerely Emeka from England

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

Hope all is well with you, Brother Ed? I thank you for all you do. I really enjoy the wonderful GIJAPA newsletters. I believe it's been right close to 20 years since I've been listening to you and/or corresponding with the GIJAPA. What a blessing that is for me. You and Sister Naomi are in my prayers. God bless.

A sister in Christ, Marjorie from Deltona, FL

Our Persecution: He is called Prophet Osei Bonsu and he is also trying to plant his church in the villages where we are also working and claims he is a God-sent to the people performing fictitious miracles and delivering people from the bondage of witchcraft. He is going round the village with megaphones and into houses telling the people to stop worshipping with us because we are deceiving them with the clothing and stuffs we are giving to them and that in the end, we shall psychologically take their hard-earned money and send all of them to hell. But praise the Lord the people are also telling him that, it is he who is rather deceiving and taking their money away from them but for us we are teaching them the truth ñ Hallelujah! We found out that we have 17 of them converted and baptized into the Lord's church. These people told us the ordeal they went through at that prophet's church and how he is taking away their money and even foodstuffs and the work they do for him on his farm twice a week and said, "**We are not going to go back to anywhere. We have found the truth and will go by it till the end.**" Beloved, we personally thank you for helping us to give these poor vulnerable people the truth; Keep on praying, and sharing your resources with these poor villagers to know the truth and in the end, you will be blessed by the Lord.

Churches Planted: We shall give thanks to our God Almighty for keeping these congregations planted by Him through us to be active and still growing in numbers. Though we have a little problem with some of the brethren at Adawukwao Church of Christ with truancy, they are doing well and we are planning for a big Gospel campaign there in the year, God willing. Besides that all the other churches are doing very well. Work here in the Awutu Ofadaa has been fun and a bit easier for us by the grace of God. We are still holding Bible classes with the people with the church not yet planted but we have the souls to get it started. We also have the brother to lead the church when planted going with us training him on how things must be done. He goes there alone twice in a week teaching them songs and holding prayer meetings with them. One setback is the meeting place as the authorities are now being reluctant to give us the school block we were using. So far the Lord had blessed us with 21 more baptisms in all the four villages we are currently working. These have been possible by the grace of God and through your donated clothing, prayer and encouragement of all kinds to our ministry. Soul winning through benevolence has always been the easiest way to win more souls and there no argument about that. Jesus Christ did this through His miraculous signs and feeding the people and also giving hope to the people, else it would have been tough for Him to have the flows He had. There are still more poor people here in Ghana to be clothed and helped, and Bibles, we need them badly. Ed's Sermon Translation Program is still on going and winning souls for Christ. We go every Tuesday and Friday evening teaching people the Gospel through Ed's tapes and now the sermons in the GIJAPA News Letters. We thank Ed and Naomi for allowing us to copy his sermons for free distribution to people is asking for them to listen to at their own pace.

Ike and Lee Pertey (pronounced, petty)

Greetings GIJAPA

How is everyone doing? What is the latest on Ed? I hope there has been some great news. I wanted to thank you for the Bible, study guides and certificate. They have helped a peace expand inside of me. It is wonderful to see people helping others with no expectations to return. Continue your work; it is making a HUGE difference. Again thank you for all your time, kindness and contributions to our spiritual growth; I am very grateful. Hope your days are well, peace and blessings.

Meko from Prison in Malvern, AZ

Madame Naomi:

Thanks so much for these CPs for packages you have sent. I am being awoken this 2AM to say some thought for you all at GIJAPA, as I thought you might not have responded yet. We are praying for you that you are just doing OK, Hope that our Ed Bousman would continue to be healed. We have been feeling so bad for his physical pain & struggle. We love him so much & pray the Grace of God is sufficient for us all as in the time of Paul when he has torn in the flesh. Please be assured we have been mindful & prayerful to him & to you all often. Regards to you all at GIJAPA. GOD will always be honored when His children love & mindful to each other.

Let us keep on keeping on!

Ed Domingo from Philippines

Dear brother Ed, Sister Naomi and GIJAPA team,

I would like to thank you Brother Ed Bousman, Sister Naomi and all brethren at GIJAPA for your kind support with Bibles, clothes, eye glasses, correspondence courses and many more things has been put to good use through evangelism. We have actively educated many people and other lost souls called have come to the cross of Christ. All the Bibles and clothes will be a support for the work that we are doing here. Even Jesus Christ, used miracles to support His work of preaching. (Mark 16: 15-18). As we give all the gifts that you send, we are opening for them the door to eternal life. We need more boxes of Bibles and clothes and shoes for orphans. Each congregation will get 2 boxes, 1 for the church members and the other box for the people in the community to draw their attention for their sins to be forgiven as Jesus used to do it. Please send me some shoes, size 8 (42). I would like to inform you that on 7th March 2010, we opened a new house church, Kandemba Church of Christ, opposite the Airport runway.

FIRST BAPTISM Sunday 7 March was a significant day for the new church, with the first baptism of two adult sisters. Attendance was 22 together with children. First offering was K18.000, (\$ 4). Right now, this morning, I am going for evangelism campaign and afternoon Bible studies with 12 baptized members for the new church, at Kandemba Church of Christ. Please continue to pray for us and the new babies in Christ. On 11th April 2010, I will visit Kyansange Church of Christ, in chief Mujimanzovu area, 85 kilometers away from Solwezi town. This year, God willing, Messenger church of Christ, will be looking to open another Church in Mbonge area, 12 kilometers away from Solwezi town. Thank you brothers, many souls

are knowing Christ, and that's the reason we need more of your support and prayers, so we can continue to teach the gospel to those who are soon to be Christians, by means of evangelizing. God will praise you one day for all that you are doing for His Kingdom. Also I do mention Brother Ed Bousman in my daily prayers. Thank you very much Brother Ed, Sister Naomi, and all GIJAPA team.

John Maseka, Evangelist Of Messenger Church of Christ. Solwezi, Zambia

Dear Brethren,

Thanks so much for your great assistance. I will check up at the post and write back upon receiving them. It is my prayer that God keeps on blessing your great effort through Christ our Savior, Amen. I salute beloved Brother Bousman in the Lord.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of the Most High God

Ed and Naomi,

Hope this note finds both of you doing well. I know we do not tell you enough, but Regina and I appreciate the work both of you are doing for our Lord and Savior. Your ministry is truly an inspiration to both of us. We pray for each of you and your ministry. I am confident the Lord will continue to bless each of you. I am sure I do not have to tell you but the Lord said in Mark 11:22-24: "Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go throw yourself into the sea'; and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

In Christian love the Fitzwaters from Middlebourne, WV

2010 SPRING CLINIC "Future Hope" May 18th - 20th

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30-9:45	No Registration forms or fees Camping is Free Offering Collected Nightly Program Begins at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday	Congregational Singing	Congregational Singing
9:45-10:30		"The Hope of Righteousness" George Faulk	"The Hope of Glory" Kevin Whitsett
10:30-10:45		Break	Break
10:45-11:00		Congregational Singing	Congregational Singing
11:00-11:45		"Heavenly Hope" Willie Purdee	"The Blessed Hope" Matthew Sullivan
2:00-2:10	Congregational Singing	Congregational Singing	Worship Led by: Art Bush Steven Foster An Event for the Entire Family Program ends at Noon on Thursday
2:10-2:55	"The Power of Hope" Wade Allen	"The Hope of His Calling" Bob Stevens	
2:55-3:10	Break	Break	
3:10-3:15	Congregational Singing	Congregational Singing	
3:15-4:00	"A Living Hope" Jason Cole	"A Steadfast Hope" Dean Jackson	
7:00-7:30	Congregational Singing	Congregational Singing	
7:30	"The God of Hope" Dale Holzbauer	"The Hope of Salvation" Terry Peer	

*Blessed is the Mother
whose faith brings her family
courage, whose wisdom comes
from God and whose children still
stand and honor her.*



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