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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CALVARY"

PM - SINGING NIGHT

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY: BIBLE BOWL AT 2 PM FOLLOWED BY SNACKS FOR THE BIBLE BOWLERS. WE WILL HAVE OUR EVENING SINGING SERVICE AT 3:30 PM. AFTER THE EVENING SERVICE, WE WILL HOST A YOUTH DEVO FOR THE BIBLE BOWLERS, AFTER WHICH THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS FOR THEM

WE WILL BE HAVING A "FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY" APRIL 6. GO AHEAD AND BE INVITING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO MAKE PLANS TO BE WITH US THAT DAY

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS LOOK SO GOOD FOR TODAY!

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CALVARY

(Genesis 22:1-14)

- I. **Both deaths were _____ by God.**
 - A. God is the One who _____ Abraham to offer his son Isaac.
 - B. It is God that ordained that Jesus be the _____ for mankind.
 - C. Jesus came into the world knowing this was the _____ the whole time.
- II. **Both carried the _____.**
 - A. Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and _____ it upon Isaac.
 - B. Our Lord was forced to carry His _____ after receiving the sentence of death from Pilate.
 - C. While Isaac had no idea the wood was for him, we know Jesus knew _____ what that cross was for.
- III. **Both were _____.**
 - A. God told Abraham he was to offer his son Isaac as a burnt _____.
 - B. God _____ us His Son to be our sacrifice.
 - C. Jesus knew why His blood was to be _____ (Matthew 26:28).
- IV. **Both were _____ sacrifices.**
 - A. We don't read at all of any _____ by Isaac.
 - B. Jesus knew the pain the type of _____ he was to suffer would bring.
 - C. Like Isaac could have, Jesus could have _____, but He knew that was not the will of the Father.
- V. **Both were offered by their _____.**
 - A. God commanded _____ to offer his son Isaac.
 - B. Jesus was offered by His _____.
 - C. This was God's _____ way to show us how much He loves us (Romans 5:8).
- VI. **Both were dead for _____ days.**
 - A. Three days before his father laid him on that altar, Isaac had died in his father's _____.
 - B. Our Lord was _____ for three days.
- VII. **Both were received from the dead.**
 - A. Since he had died in his mind, it was as if his son was brought _____ from the dead.
 - B. Thankfully, our Lord was _____ brought back from the dead.
- VIII. **Both were the _____ tests of love for their fathers.**
 - A. No doubt he loved Isaac _____, but he also loved God deeply.

B. Truly, God was _____ how much He loved us in giving us His Son in whom He is well pleased.

1. John 3:16.
2. Romans 5:8.

"STOP LOOKING FOR THE RAM CAUGHT IN THE THICKET"

Darrell Powell

God Commanded Abraham. "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.... (Gen. 22:2). So Abraham set out to do God's will, and he came to the place and said to his servants, "Abide ye here with the ass and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you..." (Gen.22:5). But, just as Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son, the angel of the Lord called out to him, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me..." (Gen.22:10-12). Just then, Abraham saw a ram caught in a thicket by his horn. He offered it up as a burnt offering to the lord, and then he named the place "The Lord will provide" (Gen.22:14).

God had given Abraham instructions on how he was to worship Him. Abraham was then bound to that command, and it was only when God Himself said so that it could go undone or be altered in anyway. After God changed His command, He provided an alternative sacrifice to take Isaac's place. But without God's authorization, Abraham by no means could have altered his worship.

I fear that today many are busy searching for the "ram in the thicket" rather than accepting the will of God. People seem to be ever ready to change God authorized worship. They are looking for what they feel is a "better" or "more spiritual" way to worship. They want to take "the fruit of our lips" (Heb. 13:15) in song, and add mechanical instruments and/or hand-clapping. They want to partake of the Lord's Supper less frequently so that it will not "lose its meaning."

I urge you to stop looking for the ram caught in the thicket. No longer will God change His instructions for worship. His Word, which contains "all things that

pertain to life and Godliness" (II Peter 1:13), has been "once for all delivered to saints" (Jude 3). It is complete and will never be changed again. "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man:" (Ecc. 12:13).