

But I will reveal my <u>name</u> to my people, and they will come to know its power. (Is. 52:6a)







<sup>6</sup> For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do. (1 Peter 1)

Sarah acknowledged a strong level of leadership that Abraham had toward her. But what's more, she also acknowledged Abraham's responsibility to her.



After these things the word of the LORD [Jehovah] came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; your reward shall be very great." Abram said, "O Lord GOD [Adonai Jehovah], what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" (Gen. 15:1-2). NASB

## Yahweh (LORD) – the self-revealing God Adonai (Lord) – The God who rules

Abram had not yet seen the fulfillment of God's promise, <u>so he appealed to God's</u> <u>character **as owner**</u>. "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be" (Genesis 15:4-5). NASB

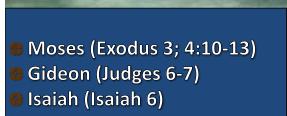


"On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram..." (Gen 15:18)

A "covenant" is a relational act tied to intimate loving-kindness.

Many Christians want God to do what His Word says He can do, but they don't give Him the right to own them to fulfill it.









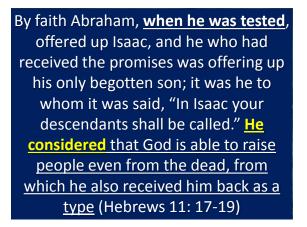
Now it came about after these things, that <u>God tested Abraham</u>, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and <u>offer him there as a burnt offering</u> on one of the mountains of which I will tell you" (Genesis 22:1-2) <u>Trials</u> are adverse circumstances that God introduces or allows in order to identify where we are spiritually, to mature us and prepare us.

"God tested Abraham" Gen. 22:1

So Abraham <u>rose</u> early in the morning and <u>saddled</u> his donkey, and <u>took</u> two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he <u>split</u> wood for the burnt offering, and <u>arose</u> and <u>went</u> to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance (Genesis 22:3-4NASB).



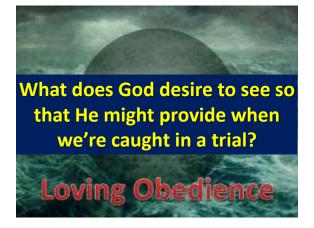
and I and the lad will go over there; and <u>we will worship and</u> <u>return to you.</u>" (verse 5)





in a situation that only He can solve so we can recognize that He is the one who solved it.

Then Isaac asked, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" (Gen 22:7). Abraham <u>replied in faith</u>: "<u>God</u> <u>will provide for Himself</u> the lamb for the burnt offering, my son" (8). Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me" (verses 9-12) Then <u>Abraham raised his eyes and</u> <u>looked</u>, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place <u>The LORD Will</u> <u>Provide</u>, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided" (Genesis 22:13-14)



Knowing this is who God is how does this affect your relationship with Him?



