



The A, B, C's of Prosperity

"God Will Provide!"

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- There is a story of where God asks ABRAHAM to offer up his only son Isaac to the Lord. **Are you familiar with it?**
- This act by ABRAHAM is based on a covenant relationship that God and ABRAHAM shared.

****This act of obedience by ABRAHAM is symbolic of and opened the doorway for God to eventually give us His only begotten Son in sacrifice for you and me.**

****Abraham's obedience gave God the legal right to redeem us because this was a legal transaction sealed in blood.**

Genesis 22:1-14

1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, 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.

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and cleaved the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

****An interesting thing about Abraham was that he obeyed God when He spoke to him. Whether it was about tithing, moving to a different location.**

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, **Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.**

NOTE: Abraham is speaking FAITH here in V. 5!

Hebrews 11:18-19

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 **Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead**; from whence also he received him in a figure. KJV

*****No one had ever been raised from the dead before at this time!***

Genesis 22:6 - continues...

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, *My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?*

8 And Abraham said, **My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering**: so they went both of them together.

NOTE: Isaac's questions were reasonable because he had seen his father offer sacrifices to the Lord in the past. Abraham gave a faith answer and **this should be our answer when we have done our part and don't see the full provision as of yet...GOD WILL PROVIDE!**

****SAY THAT 3 TIMES - "*GOD WILL PROVIDE!!!*"**

FACT: *You can be strong in faith in a particular area but that does not mean you are strong in faith in every area! You could have very little faith for something especially when you have not properly studied it in God's Word!*

- **For instance, you could have your faith developed for healing but be seriously lacking in faith in God's protection, or in being divinely led or even in the area of prosperity.**

****THE TRUTH is if we were strong in faith in a particular area of God's Word then we should see that area of our lives strong and working well for us!**

****I am impressed to stir up our faith in the area of God being our provider.**

- There are people that believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior but still be lost and undone. WHY? Because He must become "**Their**" or "**MY**" Lord and Savior!
- The same thing is true for the Healing of our bodies. Don't just believe that Jesus is the healer! **Believe that Jesus is MY healer!**

****Let's take this one step further, Don't just believe that God is the provider...NO...**BELIEVE that He is MY Provider!****

- Notice that ISAAC did not question his father's response when he said, "God will Provide...".

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 **And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham:** and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, *Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.*

****It's one thing to SAY you will obey God but it is an entirely different thing to step out and act upon what He told you to do! ABRAHAM FACED THAT TEST AND PASSED IT!**

13 And **Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked**, and **behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns**: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And **Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh**: as it is said to this day, **In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.** KJV

- God see's your heart through your words and your actions! That is what God saw through Abraham's obedience!

****One thing that Abraham had seen was that God provided a sacrifice!**

15 And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

17 That **in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;**

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;
because thou hast obeyed my voice. KJV

**Notice that Abraham was blessed because of his obedience to the voice of the Lord!

JEHOVAH-JIREH - Is a compound name among many that God used to describe Himself. YHWH-Yireh. Note that there were vowels added and the pronunciation different from what many are familiar with today. Besides it messes up the song we love so much!

- Don't get hung up on pronunciation because even scholars who have spent decades studying disagree on some of these things.
- God is not as technical in His dealings with us as he could be because His intention is in helping us in our daily lives!

JEHOVAH = The Self-Existent One, The Great I AM, Who exists based on no one else! He is Self-Sustaining.

JIREH = The Self-Existent One who **SEE'S!** It also means He who ***Provides***.

"PROvision or PROvidence.

Q: What does "PRO" mean in PRO-VISION?

A: ORIGIN: 14c., from Latin provisionem (nom. provisio) "**foresight, preparation**," from providere "**look ahead**" (see provide). Provisional "of a temporary arrangement," first recorded 1601, from notion of "provide for present needs."

PRO/VIDE or PRO/VISION = BEFORE SEEING or TO SEE BEFORE!

Did God see before that they would need a ram?

- **He is the God who see's ahead of what you are going to need and makes provision ahead of time!**

****Abraham, based on covenant, obeyed God and went to offer up ISAAC! As soon as he did God began to work out the supply!**

Q: What was that **Ram** doing that morning Abraham chose to obey God?

A: God had already began directing the steps of that animal, leading it to the exact place it needed to be where God had lead Abraham and Isaac to be! ANIMALS CAN BE LED BY GOD'S SPIRIT TOO!

FACT: *God will NEVER be surprised by a need you will have in your life!*

- ***You will never run into the throne room of God telling Him about a multi-thousand dollar bill you just received and catch God surprised by it!***
- **Even if you have made a bunch of poor choices God can still bring you out!**
- People say, *"Well you made your own bed of trouble and now you have to lie down in it!"*

****WHERE IS THAT IN THE BIBLE?**

****The way some people quote that you would have thought it was in the bible but it is not in there!**

- **Peter made a bed of denying the Lord Jesus and cursing at people who accused him of being one of His disciples and**

lying to them as well! He did this three times as Jesus foretold him! He then went out and wept bitterly!

- Yet when Jesus rose from the dead He told some of His disciples to call Peter. Eventually Peter was restored after that and preached one of the greatest sermons on the day of Pentecost and 3,000 people received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!

****The devil will try and lie to you and tell you that you created this situation and will have to suffer the consequences of your choices. THE DEVIL IS A LIAR because when you repent God can turn it around!**

- Whether it is back taxes, behind on mortgage payments, car payments for making poor choices, if you repent God will turn it around!
- **The first thing you do** if you are in financial trouble because of poor choices and actions is to fall on your face and ask God to forgive you for being foolish!

Psalm 107:17

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. KJV

- **Many of our troubles are the result of us being foolish and failing to walk in wisdom!**

***What some will not acknowledge is that God will let you do what you want to do even in direct disobedience to His perfect will!*

****Some say, "I don't believe that!" Well they have never read 1 Samuel 8 where God gave Israel a King even though it was not His best plan. But they insisted they wanted to be like other nations and**

they wanted a King! God gave them one with a warning of great trouble that would accompany their choice and they wanted it still!

****Don't let the devil lie to you about the greatness of God's mercy!**

- God is not withholding money from you and He knows right where to get it for you!

****Bible Words like prevent = to go before. He Precedes, He Prepares and He Provides!***

****The Hebrew & Greek for Prepare means *to arrange and to put in order*. The English means to make ready beforehand, to work out the details in advance.**

- God is not leaving things to chance and He is not being caught off guard by any of these things because He see's before and makes things ready!

Psalm 23:5

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; **my cup runneth over**. KJV

****God must NOT care about Our Cup Running over and spilling all over the table!**

****God could have satisfied the world with 3 or 4 kinds of fish in the Ocean but instead gave us so many species of fish to enjoy!**

****When we go Apple picking do you know how many apples fall to the ground and go to waste? While they try to recover as many as possible there is still waste.**

**In the jungle do you know how many banana's fall to the ground that simply go to waste? There are so many that the monkey's and gorilla's cannot possible consume them all before they go to waste.

Q: DIDN'T GOD KNOW THAT?

- He must not care too much about it!

Psalm 65:9

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou **preparest** them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. KJV

Psalm 68:10

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: **thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.** KJV

Psalm 132:15

15 **I will abundantly bless her provision:** I will satisfy her poor with bread. KJV

God's my provider, He see's before hand, He provides before hand, He provides abundantly, Hallelujah!

- When you release your faith for something and obey the Lord, God sets in motion the things that you need!
- **Obviously God is not obligated to support something that is not His will, but when it is His plan you are following then He has things set in order for your provision because He see's ahead of time what is needed!**

**God is a God of great sustenance and substance and is more than able to meet your needs no matter how large they may be!

John 14:1-3

1 **Let not your heart be troubled(This is always a choice)**: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

- If God has it already laid out ahead of time then there is no reason to worry!

Bobby Conner said, *Worry is a sin to be repented of and not an emotion to be medicated!*

2 In my Father's house are many **mansions(Not Efficiencies or Condo's, LOL, Abiding places)**: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.**

3 And if I go and **prepare a place** for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. KJV

God's my provider, He see's before hand, He arranges and sets things in order ahead of time. He provides before hand, He provides abundantly, Hallelujah!

- Heaven is just like planet earth with abiding places, mansions, large cities, etc.

- We serve a great and Mighty God who is above all and able to accomplish any purpose He sets out to do!

****That is why Jesus had to go away, not only to suffer and die, but to go and prepare a place for you and me!**

****Everything on Earth is patterned after heaven.**

MANSION, PLACE or ABODE = Greek Mo-nay - Means a residence, a place of staying, ISBE SAYS, it conveys the idea of an abundance of room and a permanence of habitation.

From this word ABODE we get the English word 'MANOR' which means ***a landed estate, a country estate and a chateau!***

If we really believe that God our Father is Jehovah-JIREH, then He is our God who see's beforehand and sets in motion the provision we need at the appointed time.

We simply need to keep walking on the path of obedience to His Word and Holy Spirit!

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