

The Lord Will Provide

Scripture

"But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only [son], from Me." Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind [him was] a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said [to] this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided.'" (Genesis 22:11-14 NKJV)

Commentary

Take a look at your life. What do you see? Is it filled with things? What pulls you away from the Lord? Do you find a lack of time to meditate upon the Scriptures because of your trinkets? Do your possessions or the pursuit of your possessions fill your days with countless distractions? How can you say, "I love the Lord" and have no time for Him? Let us throw off the shackles of want and focus upon that which is really important, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Take a close look at the passage above. God makes a very important statement, "Now I know you fear God, since you have not withheld your son." The proof that Abraham loved God was his willingness to trust his son's life to the care of the Father. Are you willing to trust the care of your life to the Father?

I must be brutally honest today and say, if you don't have time for God and His Word, you have misplaced priorities. There is no excuse for not seeking the Lord other than He is not that important to you. You think that life will be too difficult if you don't have all you have, but this is a lie.

My friend the Lord will provide. Joy is not found in the abundance of possessions, or even in a life of ease. Joy is found in the Lord. "For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance. . . And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 NKJV).

Jesus said, "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 'If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and [that] your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.'" (John 15:9-14 NKJV)

So reassess your priorities. Put God and His commandments first in your life, and the Joy you seek in possessions will be found in His love. When you do it won't be an endless striving after wind, but a satisfying embrace of a loving Father. The Lord will provide all that you need for a life of joy if you are willing to trust Him.