The Second Cross

**Genesis 22** (1<sup>st</sup> Book) 2,000 B.C.

Read in Synagogues Around the World on the Feast of Trumpets [The First Phase of the Feast of Tabernacles]

All Feasts of the Lord [Leviticus 23] Have Had a Spiritual Application in the Christian Church - Except the Feast of Tabernacles. It is to be Fulfilled in This Day, Prior to Jesus' Return.

#### Testing Abraham 1

- James 1:13-15 Let no one being tempted say, I am tempted from God. For God is not temptable by evils, and He tempts no one.
- 14 But each one is tempted by his own lusts, being drawn out and being enticed by them.
- 15 Then, having conceived, lust brings forth sin. And sin being fully formed brings forth death.

Take your <u>only son</u> - Moriah - Burnt offering (Holocaust - NAB) 2

I once told God He must have been very proud of Elijah. He confronted the prophets of Baal. He offered a **burnt offering** in the morning and another in the evening. Surely he was the greatest example of the **burnt offering** in all the Bible. After a considerable period of time God spoke to me: He said, "What about Jesus?"

You would think I would know that Jesus was put on the cross at 9.00 a.m., the time of the morning burnt offering. And that He died at 3.00 p.m., the time of the evening burnt offering. It was not Elijah that was the greatest example of the burnt offering – but Jesus. This had completely escaped my attention. I felt very stupid!

Shortly after this I turned and saw on a black sea in Old English letters the words in purple, "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken Me?" I asked God what that meant. As soon as I uttered the words, my heart smote me. I said I would never ask Him that question again. I never have.

All that remained of the **burnt offering** was the skin: as evidence that an offering had been made. Everything went up in smoke. It was the most costly and most common offering.

This speaks of consecration. Total dedication to God and His purposes. No deals. No ifs, no buts. Nothing! Just an unreserved and complete commitment of your life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This burnt offering of Abraham's <u>only begotten son</u> (there are only two people called only begotten sons in the Bible: Isaac and the Lord Jesus) Isaac, is the closest example of what it cost our Father in offering His Son. We will never understand what our redemption cost Jehovah.

Two thousand years later there would be no ram lamb caught in a thicket. God had to plunge the knife deep into His Son's heart. And He did this for us!

Early in the morning - two youths - Isaac - Split wood - 3

Third day - Abraham <u>lifted up his eyes</u> and saw the place 4

You stay here - I and the boy - We may worship

- Return to you 5

Laid it on his son Isaac - took the fire and the knife in his hand 6

Behold, the fire and the wood! Where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 7

God will see to the lamb **for Himself**, for a **burnt offering** 8

- ..... built there the altar ..... bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar 9
- Every Christian needs to build a personal altar to the Lord. He needs to have a place of prayer. He needs to have a time of reading the Word of God.
- My suggestion: Give God the First and Best [like Abel's Offering] Time of the Day. Don't Give God second best. Don't give Him Leftovers.

Abraham took the knife 10

And the angel of Jehovah - Abraham! 11

..... I know that you are a God-fearer - you have not withheld your son - your <u>only son</u> 12

Abraham <u>lifted up his eyes</u> - a ram behind him entangled by his horns - Abraham took the ram and offered it for a **burnt offering** instead of his son 13

Jehovah Will See - In the mount of Jehovah it will be seen 14

Angel called a <u>second time</u> 15

I have sworn by Myself ..... 16

Blessing I will bless you and multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and the sand which is on the shore of the sea. And your Seed shall possess the gate of <u>H</u>is enemies 17

In your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice 18

Abraham returned ..... Beersheba - Abraham lived at Beersheba 19

Milcah, she also, has borne sons to your brother Nahor: 20

Uz, Buz, Kemuel the father of Aram 21

Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel 22

Rebekah - Milcah bore these eight to Nahor 23

Concubine Reumah bore Tebah, Gaham, Thahash and Maachah 24