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**Giving Your Children...  
...Back To God**

**Genesis 22**

**Dedicating Our Children to God**

# **Children's Prayers:**

**Dear God: Please send a new baby for Mommy. The new baby you sent last week cries too much. Debbie, 7**

**Dear God: Who did you make smarter? Boys or girls? My sister and I want to know. Jimmy, 6**

**Dear God: How many angels are there in heaven? I would like to be the first kid in my class to know the answer. Norma, 8**

# **Children's Prayers:**

**Dear Lord: Thank you for the nice day today. You even fooled the TV weather man. Hank, 7**

**Dear God: I need a raise in my allowance. Could you have one of your angels tell my father. Thank you. David, 7**

**Dear God: This is my prayer. Could you please give my brother some brains. So far he doesn't have any. Angela, 8**

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## ***What It Is Not:***

- Service
- Ceremony

## ***What It Is:***

- Promise
- Powerful

**It is Not a...**

**...Ceremony**

**...but a**

**...Commitment**





# Biblical Exam

## 1. Hannah

- **Samuel** (*the son for whom she prayed*)
- **Eli the Priest**(I Sam. 1:27-28)  
*“For this child I prayed/ the LORD answered my  
petition which I asked of him: 28  
I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he  
lives, he shall be lent to the LORD”*

## 2. Joseph and Mary

- **Infant child Jesus**
- **Temple Dedicated 8 days**(Lk. 2:22)



# Genesis 22:1-13

**Abraham Literally, Totally, Irrevocably...  
...Gave Isaac Back To God.**

**God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love, and sacrifice him ...” (2)**

- **Isaac had been a Miracle baby.**
- **Sarah was 90/ Abraham was 100**
- **Now Give Him Back!**



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# **“What If”**

- 1) Abraham refused to give Isaac back to God,**
  - Forfeited all God’s promises /plans for Isaac.
  - Isaac would have lived/ died in obscurity
  
- 2) Abraham obeyed and gave Isaac back to God,**
  - received the fullness of God’s plan/ promise
  - became a powerful man
  - became the forefather of God’s own Son
  - Isaac’s life is still having an impact on world
  
- 3) We need to learn from Abraham today.**

# Genesis 22:1-13

## Isaac Represents Abrahams

- Hopes
- Dreams
- Future...
- His Promise from God

## Not Only How to Dedicate our Child to God but-

- Our Family
- Our Selves



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# Genesis 22:1-13

**God Knew..**

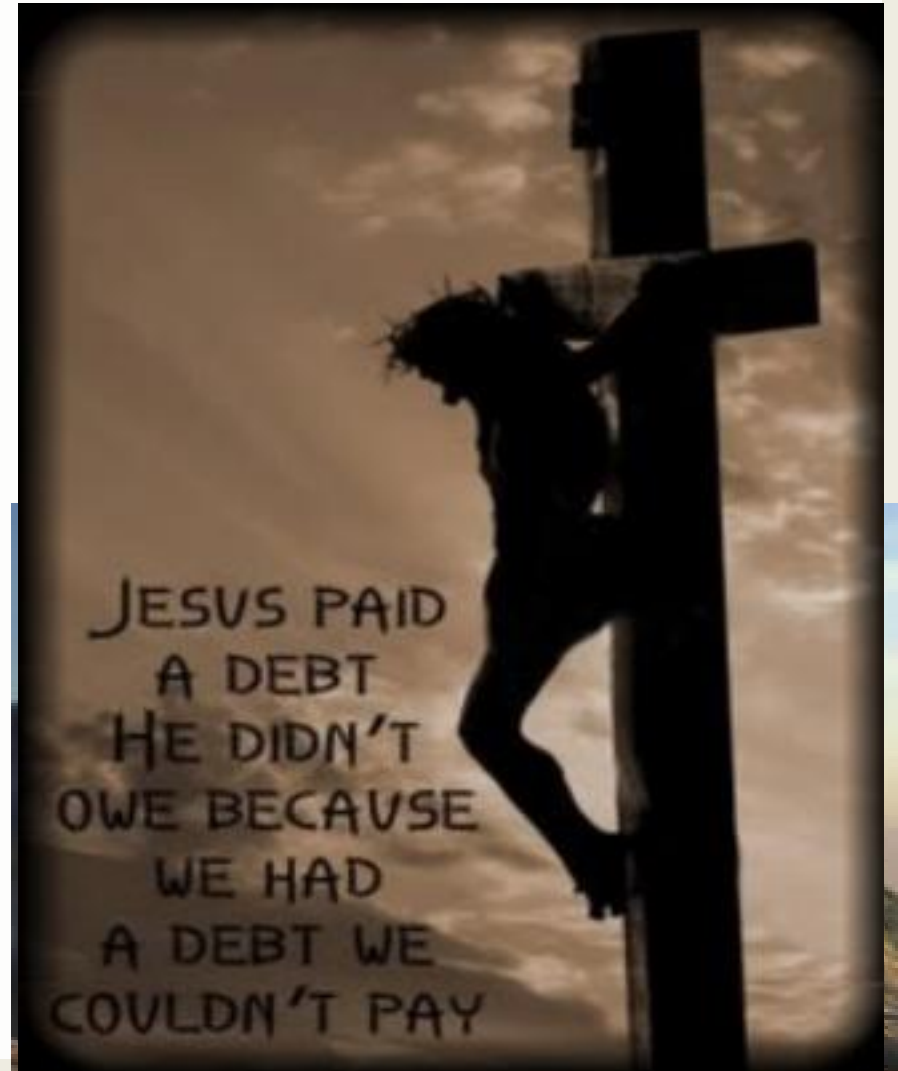
**Abraham was a Man of..**

- Faith
- Action
- Plans

**Abraham Didn't Know...**

**God was About to Test...**

- Plans
- Faith
- Action



# Genesis 22:1-13

**Gen 22:5**, *“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”*

**Heb 11:17-19**, *“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac:/ he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of Whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*

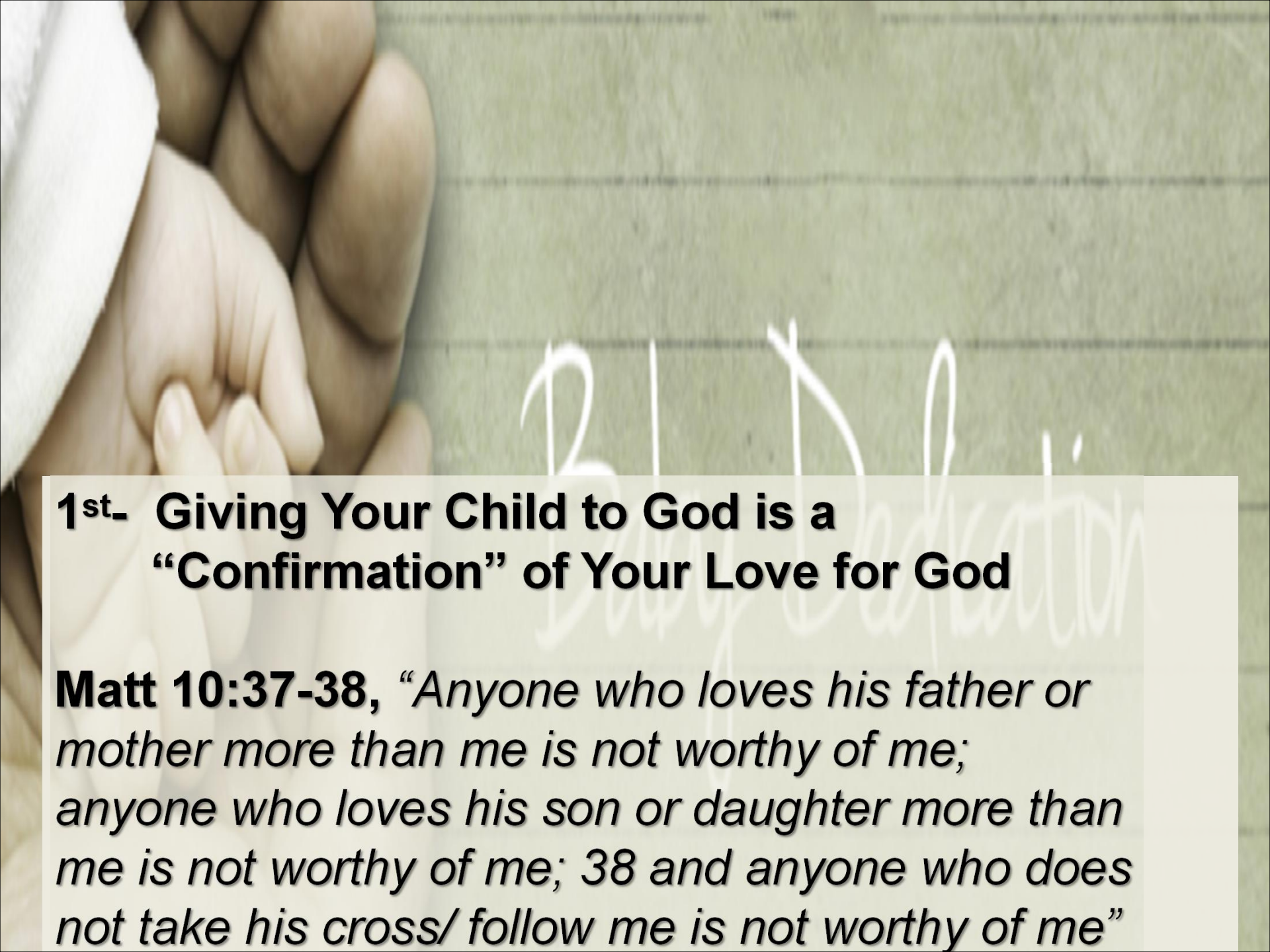
# Four Elements of Giving Your Child Back to God

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Giving Your Child to God is a  
“Confirmation” of Your Love for God
- His child was most prized possession...but don't allow them to take the place of God!
  - This is exactly what Abraham proved by his willingness to offer Isaac.



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**Matt 10:37-38**, *“Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and anyone who does not take his cross/ follow me is not worthy of me”*



# Four Elements of Giving Your Child Back to God

**2<sup>nd</sup>- Giving Your Children to God is a...  
“Clarification” of Ownership**

**When You Give Your Child Back to God...  
...You Are Openly Declaring:**

- **This Child...**
  - **is a Gift from God.**
  - **Does Not Really Belong to You.**
  - **Belongs to God**



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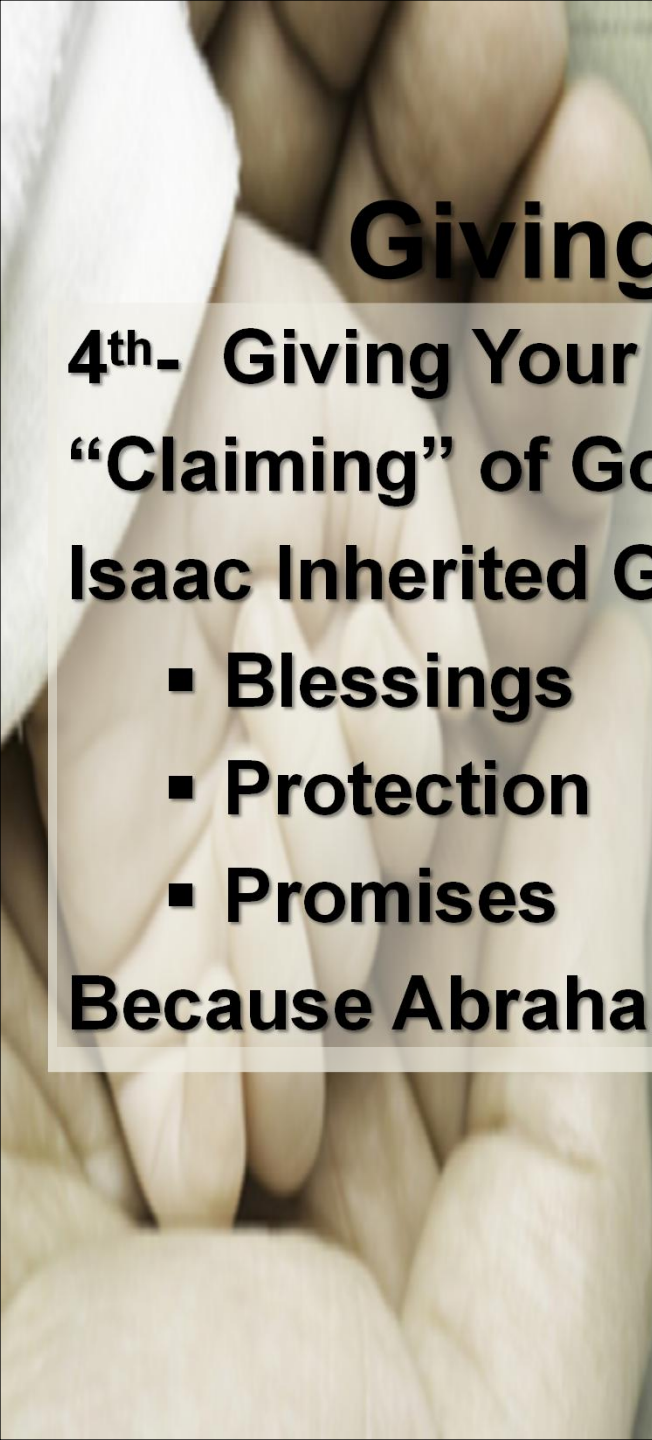
3<sup>rd</sup> Giving Your Children To God Is a...

**“Commitment” to Raise Your Child God’s Way!**

**Eph. 6:4,** *“we are to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”*

- **Be a Godly parent**
- **Teach this child of Christ**
- **Love this child.**
- **Pray for this child.**
- **Train this child.**
- **Stay married for this child. (stability)**
- **Live a righteous life.**





# **Four Elements of Giving Your Child Back to God**

**4<sup>th</sup>-. Giving Your Children To God is a...**

**“Claiming” of God’s Plan / Promises for Child’s Life**

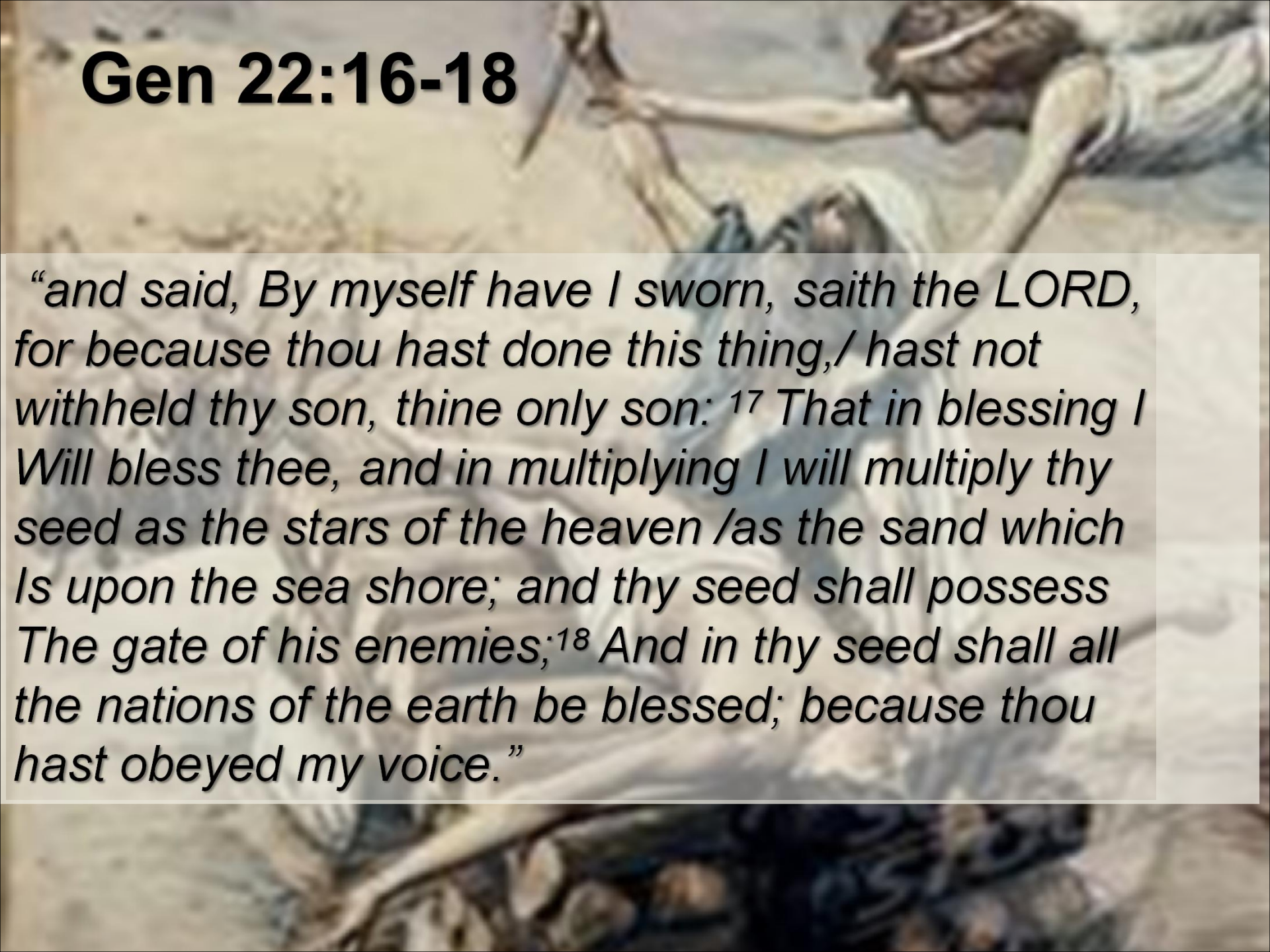
**Isaac Inherited God’s ...**

- **Blessings**
- **Protection**
- **Promises**

**Because Abraham Gave Him Back to God.**

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# Gen 22:16-18



*“and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing,/ hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: <sup>17</sup> That in blessing I Will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven /as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess The gate of his enemies;<sup>18</sup> And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”*



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*And they brought young children to Him...and He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.*

*~Mark 10:16*