

ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - JULY 23, 2017

TOPIC: HINDRANCES TO GOD'S BLESSINGS

Sermon 5: The Hindrance of Unbelief!

TEXT: Genesis 22:1-9; James 1:5-8

INTRO:

"A faith that is not tested cannot be trusted!"

**I. GENUINE FAITH IS BASED ON FAITH ALONE
APART FROM GOOD WORKS: Gen.15:6 cf.**

James 2:21-23

1. Abraham showed his genuine faith in God by his unquestioning obedience to Him - Gen. 22:1-3

**II. GENUINE FAITH WILL ALWAYS BE TESTED:
vv.1-2**

1. It is just a matter of time - v.1a
2. It may involve that which is most precious to you - v.2a

"What is the most precious thing to you that God wants you to offer to Him?"

**III. GENUINE FAITH GOES BEYOND OUR
UNDERSTANDING: vv.1-2**

1. It will reveal the depth of our faith - Hebrews 11:8 cf. Gen. 22:12

**IV. GENUINE FAITH IS ALWAYS EVIDENCED BY
OBEDIENCE: Gen. 22:18b**

1. Whenever God leads - v.1a
2. Wherever God leads - v.2

3. However God leads - v.2

"Would you obey God **WHENEVER**, **WHEREVER**, and **HOWEVER** He may lead even if you may suffer loss?"

CONCLUSION: Jesus, The Lamb of God!

Reduced Into One Law!

Rabbi Simlai in the third century A.D. noted that Moses gave us 365 prohibitions and 248 positive commands. David in Psalm 15 reduced them to eleven; Isaiah, in 33:14,15, made them six; Micah 6:8 binds them into three; and Habakkuk 2:4 reduces them all to one, namely- "*The just shall live by faith!*" -Paul Tan

Faith & Doubt!

Doubt sees the obstacles,
 Faith sees the way!
 Doubt sees the darkest night,
 Faith sees the day!
 Doubt dreads to take a step,
 Faith soars on high!
 Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
 Faith answers, "I!" - Gospel Banner

Verse For Today!

"Increase our faith!" - Luke 17:5

Food For Thought!

"Faith is idle when circumstances are right; only when they are adverse is one's faith in God exercised. Faith, like a muscle, grows strong and supple with exercise!"

- Paul Lee Tan

