



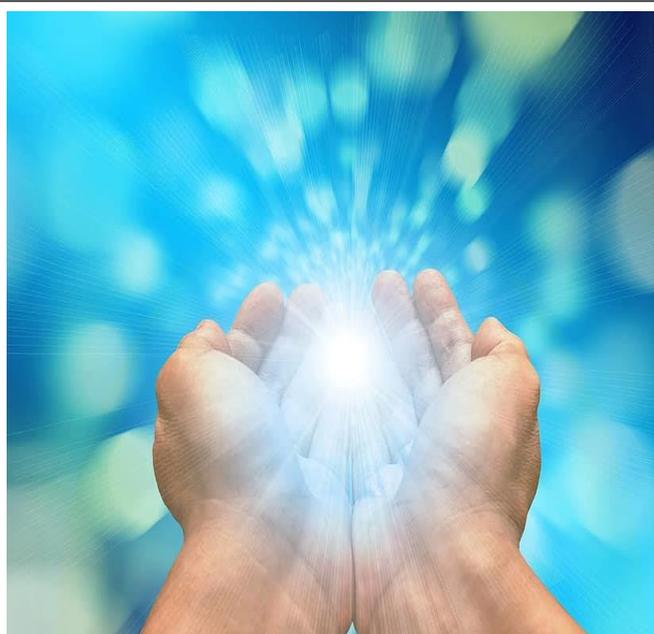
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**IN ORDER FOR YOU TO
OBTAIN THE BLESSING
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SACRIFICE—THAT IS IN
YOUR HAND!**

This story is taken from the Book of Genesis
Chapter 22 “Abraham’s Faith Was Tested!”

Dear Chosen One:

In Genesis Chapter 22, we read that God told Abraham to take his only son Isaac whom he loves and sacrifice him as a burnt offering. In obedience, Abraham left with his son and servants to carry out God’s Word. In verse 5, Abraham told his servants to stay with the donkey while he and his son go and worship and return. The Bible says Abraham was a man of faith. The thing that caught my attention in this verse was Abraham knew that he was going to offer up his son as a sacrifice, but he still told his servants that he and his son will return to them.

How could Abraham go and offer a sacrifice unto God and return with it? Abraham believed that God was able to raise his son from the dead. He knew that God was also going to bless him in spite of what his carnal mind was telling him. Today the problem we have with many Christians is that when God tells them to offer up a sacrifice or do something that is contrary to their belief they disobey, refuse, or hold on to the sacrifice.

One day while I was reading my morning devotion, the Holy Spirit said to me “Bridget in order for you to obtain the blessing you must let go of the sacrifice that you are holding on to.” Let me say this to you, God is not interested in our great ideas, or the great works or all the other things we are doing especially if He has not approved them. God doesn’t need our sacrifices, what He needs is our obedience and loyalty.

What is it that you are holding on to that is delaying your blessing? What it is that God has told you to do, and you refused because it doesn’t make any sense to you? That sacrifice could be anything: a behavior problem, or a relationship you do not want to sever. Many people have this misconception that God wants something or wants to takeaway something from them, but the truth is. God wants to give us something better than what we have.

When our hands are filled with the sacrifice, we cannot receive our blessing. Let go of the sacrifice in your hands and you will receive God’s blessing.

In verse. 10, we read when Abraham was about to slay his son, God sent an angel to interrupt the sacrificial ceremony. Even though God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, God had His Son—Jesus in mind to offer up as the Sacrifice Lamb, but the timing was not set in motion. God was saying, Abraham because you did not withhold your only son, I will not withhold my only Son, Jesus. When the time is right, He will be the Sacrifice Lamb to save the world from their sin. God was not looking for a human sacrifice like the other pagan gods. Instead, He provided a Lamb in the bush for Abraham to offer up as the burnt offering.

Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son. As a result, the Bible says, “**An angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven and said....because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore....**” (verses 15-17a) I believe God is speaking to you right now as you read this message. He is saying to you, “I will surely bless you.” As a matter of fact, say these words with me “**God will surely bless me! I am expecting my blessing, right now!**”

God was ready to bless Abraham and He is ready to bless you. However, in order for you to receive His blessing, you must do what Abraham did—be obedient and release the sacrifice. Not only did God bless Abraham, but He also greatly multiply his descendants like sand on the seashore. I don’t know about you but that’s the kind of blessing I am looking forward to receiving. God’s blessings were not only for Abraham but for his children, grandchildren, great grands, and extended family.

Do not take this revelation lightly. when you get blessed your children, grandchildren and great grands will be entitled to the blessing. Let me tell you something when God blesses you no one can take your blessing away from you. Let me give you some inside information. God's blessing does not depend on your geographic location, your history, family status, what others think of you or what you think of yourself.

This kind of blessing also comes with taking a stand. Not even your enemies can prevent you from getting blessed. When Abraham received the blessing, he also received authority over his enemies. In verses 17b-18 it reads, **"Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you obeyed me."**

Did you hear that! Your children shall possess the gate of their enemies, so it does not matter where you are. God's promises are trustworthy, and He has never failed to deliver a promise. Therefore, what you are unable to possess from your enemies your children will. God will fulfill His promise through your children and grandchildren, etc...

God did not bless Abraham because he was a perfect man or because he was more righteous than you and me, Abraham got blessed because He obeyed God and was willing to offer up his only son as a sacrifice to God. What God did for Abraham; He is able to do for you and me when we obey Him.

The Bible says, **"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him."** (1Corinthians 1:27-29.) When God blesses us, we cannot boast or make any claim as to

what we have done to receive that blessing.

Now, let me explain this. A sacrifice is like a seed and in order for you to reap a harvest you have to let go of the seed – plant it. You could dream about the harvest, talk about it, make plans about what you are going to do with it, but if you do not plant that seed and it remains in your hand, then that is all you will have -- that seed in your hands. No one can outdo God's blessing one of His children. God will never shortchange us because He only wants what is best for us.

On the other hand, blessings have seasons and God works according to seasons. This could be your season to receive your blessing, or it could be someone else's season, but I want you to be sure of one thing, your season will come. In the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1 it says, **"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven."**

I know from experience it is not easy to wait on God when it seems like everyone around you is getting blessed and you are not! You may be wondering when your season is going to come. Trust me it will come suddenly when you least expect it. Just trust God! Isaac was the seed Abraham was willing to let go of in order to receive his blessing.

The Bible says, through Abraham's seed [son] all nations on earth will be blessed. Abraham went up the mountain with his only son, to offer him up as a sacrifice. However, God himself provided a Lamb for the sacrifice. When Abraham came down from the mountain, he came down with a greater blessing. God was going to use Abraham's only son to bring forth the twelve tribes of Judah and all the other nations.

Remember, at that time no one could have seen the vision God had in store for Abraham and his son. It was an unseen promise but today the vision is visible through the many nations that came forth from "Father Abraham."

If you are reading this newsletter, it is not by chance or coincidence. This is your **due season** to receive God's blessings. So, are you going to continue holding on to the sacrifice or are you going to let go of it and obtain your blessing? You know what you are holding on to and what you are refusing to do because it does not make any sense to your natural mind.

You have allowed fear to dominate your life for too long, and now, you are afraid to let go of that sacrifice. Stop procrastinating!

You thought that God has forgotten you, but He is reaching out to you. Please take some timeout from your busy schedule and pray—ask the Holy Spirit to give you divine guidance and to help you overcome any fear. Then let go and let God!

My friend obedience is better than making any sacrifice. Years ago, I decided to step out in faith even while I was afraid. I knew what God had told me to do but I was afraid until after I heard a sermon preached. The man of God said, "It is easy to give up those things that we don't want and hard to give up what we love." He basically said "self" was the hardest sacrifice to offer God. Immediately, I repented and walked away from that thing and when I did, many people thought that I was a fool. However, in God's eyes I was on my way to receive my blessing and I did. Glory to God in the Highest! Let it go and you will receive your blessing. Amen!

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