

WHEN WORSHIP DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

The Way Of The Worshiper – Part 3

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Genesis 22: 1-18

“Therefore, I urge you... in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.” Romans 12: 1 (NIV)

“Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will point out to you.” Genesis 22: 2 (NLT)

“He said to his servants, ‘Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.’” Genesis 22: 5 (NIV)

THREE KEYS TO WORSHIP . . .

1. BE QUIET AND LISTEN.

“Be quiet and know that I am God...” Psalm 46: 10 (NCV)

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.” John 16: 13 (NIV)

*“Some years later God decided to test Abraham, so He spoke to him. Abraham answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’”
Genesis 22:1 (CEV)*

2. DO WHAT GOD SAYS

“On the third day of the journey; Abraham saw the place in the distance.” Genesis 22: 4 (NLT)

Two principles to guide...

■ Neglect what is natural ... Obey what is biblical

“He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me.” John 14: 24 (NIV)

■ Prioritize the importance of God.

“This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed Me and have not withheld even your beloved son, I swear by My own self that I will bless you richly.” Genesis 22: 16-17 (NLT)

3. MARVEL AT THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

“Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping Him with holy fear and awe.” Hebrews 12: 28 (NLT)

*“At that moment the angel of the Lord shouted to him from heaven... ‘Lay down the knife. Do not hurt the boy in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld even your beloved son from Me’.”
Genesis 22:12 (NLT)*