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Sermon Notes

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## On the Mountain of the Lord It Will Be Provided

### Genesis 22

#### God Provided Life for the Pilgrims of Plymouth:

The pilgrims who had left Europe to make a new life for themselves in the new World landed on Cape Cod in December of 1620. The harshness of the following winter almost destroyed their colony.

Sickness ravaged them that winter... by the beginning of spring in 1621, half of their 102 members perished: "of the 17 male heads of families, ten died during the first infection"; of the 17 wives, only three were left after three months. ... Governor William Bradford wrote that the living were scarce able to bury the dead.

At any given point, only six or seven people were healthy enough to do all the work of caring for the others—fetching firewood, cooking, washing "*loathsome clothes*" by hand! Bradford wrote that these heroes did "*all the homely and necessary offices for [the sick] which dainty and queasy stomachs cannot endure to bear named, and all this willingly and cheerfully, without grudging in the least.*"

The turning point for the colony began one Thursday in the middle of March, 1621.

An Indian, wearing nothing but a leather loincloth, strode up their main street to the common house, and to their startled faces boomed in flawless English, "Welcome." He was to prove "a special instrument of God for their good, beyond their expectation." His name was Tisquantum, also called Squanto. He had found his reason for living: these English were helpless in the ways of the wilderness. Squanto taught them how to catch eels, stalk deer, plant pumpkins, refine maple syrup, discern both edible herbs and those good for medicine, etc.

Perhaps the most important thing he taught them was the Indian way to plant corn. They hoed six-foot squares in toward the center, putting down four or five kernels, and then fertilizing the corn with fish: three fish in each square, pointing to the center, spokelike.

Guarding the field against the wolves (who would try to steal the fish), by summer they had 20 full acres of corn that would save every one of their lives.

Squanto also taught them to exploit the pelts of the beaver, which was in plentiful supply and in great demand throughout Europe. He even guided the trading to insure they got full prices for top-quality pelts. The corn was their physical deliverance; the beaver pelts would be their economic deliverance.

The Pilgrims rightly ascribed their health and prosperity after such a devastating winter to the Providence of God. They believed the Bible taught that God sovereignly rules over all events on earth for His own glory. He opens His hand and provides the needs of all living creatures. This Biblical doctrine of Providence was the basis of their October celebration of the first Thanksgiving.

Yet, as great as was the providence of God in the wilderness of Massachusetts in the summer of 1621, the providence of God on Mount Moriah was infinitely greater. For there God made an end of sin and death through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The symbol of Thanksgiving is the cornucopia, a horn overflowing with harvest fruits symbolizing abundance. The real cornucopia is the providence of God on Mount Moriah. God provided there three times: in the Ram that took Isaac's place, in the Temple Solomon built, and in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Today's sermon is a story of Providence. It is a story those first Pilgrims delighted to hear. And it begins with the obedience of one man of faith, Abraham. But the real glory of this account is the abundant provision for human sin made on Mount Moriah

## I. Abraham's Walk by Faith: "Go to the Place I Will Show You"

### A. Original Call from Ur

*Genesis 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."*

*Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.*

So it was this time again... God called Abraham to go to a place He would later show him

### B. God's Command Here

*Genesis 22:1-2 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."*

The general region was chosen and designated by God. God had also chosen a specific mountain on which Isaac would be sacrificed

### C. The Place Is Prominent

#### 1. Seven times in this account, the place of the sacrifice is discussed

**Genesis 22:1-14** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and **go to the region of Moriah**. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering **on one of the mountains I will tell you about.**" <sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, **he set out for the place God had told him about.** <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and **saw the place in the distance.** <sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup> **When they reached the place God had told him about,** Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup> "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." <sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "**On the mountain of the LORD** it will be provided."

#### 2. God talked to Abraham about the place

- a. vs. 2 in the region of Moriah
- b. vs. 2 "one of the mountains I will tell you about"
- c. vs. 3 "he set out for the place God had told him about"
- d. vs. 9 "When they reached the place God had told him about"

Evidently God had revealed some things about this special place... Abraham was able to recognize it from a distance

### 3. The Name of the Mountain: "The Mountain of the Lord"

The sacred place had a name before the encounter: "The Mountain of the Lord"

Abraham gave the sacred place a fuller and more complete name by the end of the account: "Jehovah Jireh": "The Lord will provide"

## II. The Key Lesson: "On the Mountain of the Lord It Will Be Provided"

### A. Isaac's Question, Abraham's Faith-Filled Reply

**vs. 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"**

Abraham's reply is astonishing for its faith and perception:

**[NIV] vs. 8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.**

NIV is the only version that translates it that way...

Literally in the Hebrew it says,

**[ESV] "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."**

This is remarkable... as if to say "Only God can provide this lamb." The lamb was a substitute for sin, a sacrifice in the place of sinful man. In effect, Abraham was saying, "Only God can atone for sin... Ultimately He must turn His own anger away by means of the sacrifice He alone can provide."

No human offering can atone for sin... God must do it Himself

### B. On the Meaning of the Word "Provide"

#### 1. Simple meaning in English: to make available to meet a need

Example: "The host of the table provided his guests with water and towels so they could wash for the meal."

#### 2. Literal English meaning: from Latin "pro" (beforehand) "video": to see... literally "to see beforehand"

Example: “The host of the table, seeing beforehand that they would need to wash after their long, hard journey gave them water and towels so they could wash for the meal.”

**PRO-VIDE:** to see ahead of time

3. Literal Hebrew verb: “to see”

***“God will see for Himself the lamb for the sacrifice.”***

Illus. An American eagle flying at an altitude of 1000 feet over open country could spot a rabbit over an area of almost 3 square miles from a fixed position.

Illus. Egyptian hieroglyph for “predict” includes the symbol for the giraffe, whose long neck enables it to see into the future.

So God sees all history ahead of time, and can predict the future. More actually, God knows what is best and **ORDAINS** the future, giving decrees based on his infinite wisdom and His perfect foreknowledge

Long beforehand, before Jesus Christ entered the world, God was seeing what Lamb alone could take away sin

- God was seeing Christ before Abraham and Isaac began their journey to Moriah
- God was seeing Christ before Abraham and Isaac were born
- God was seeing Christ before the world began
- From eternity past, God saw the Lamb of God who alone could take away the sin of the world

**GOD WILL SEE FOR HIMSELF THE LAMB, MY SON**

All of predictive prophecy is based on a simple fact: God can see the future as though it were present... God sees tomorrow as clearly as He sees today.

God saw Christ at Moriah... and so, in a small way, did Abraham, by faith

**III. The Lord’s First Provision on Mount Moriah: The Ram in the Thicket**

The Ram in the thicket, caught by his horns... **PROVIDED BY GOD...**

It wouldn't do to send Abraham home with no sacrifice offered at all. It would send the wrong message

The right message is

***"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"***

AND

***"The wages of sin is death"***

In order for a sinner to approach the thrice holy God, the death penalty must be paid in blood

*Hebrews 9:22 ... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

So, either Isaac would die for his own sins, or a substitute must die for him

The initial provision of God was the animal, a clear SUBSTITUTE for Isaac

***vs. 13-14 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.<sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."***

The Hebrew word in verse 13 "instead of" means literally to stand in the ground where the other stood... the Ram stood in the place of Isaac, as the one marked out for death

D. The Key Lesson: "On the Mountain of the Lord It Will Be Provided"

***vs. 14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."***

1. This was Abraham's name for the sacred place: "Jehovah jireh"
2. This was Abraham's proverb for what He learned concerning this sacred place

***And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."***

3. When you come to meet with God, God alone will provide what you need to come into His presence

E. What Will Be Provided? A Substitute for our sins

1. The Ram symbolized the Lord's provision

2. The Ram also showed God's choice of animal sacrifice as a fit teaching tool for the future atonement God would provide through Christ

#### IV. The Lord's Second Provision on Mount Moriah: The Temple

##### A. A Pattern of Holy Ground

###### 1. Abraham's Altars

*Genesis 13:18 So Abram moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD.*

###### 2. Jacob's Pillar at Bethel

*Genesis 28:16-19 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."*

###### 3. Moses' Burning Bush

*Exodus 3:5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."*

God designated places that were "holy ground" in the Old Testament

But none was holier than Mt. Moriah, the mountain of the Lord... where Abraham had gone to sacrifice Isaac

##### B. The Long Journey of God: From Moving Tabernacle to Fixed Temple

The Moving Holy Place in the Desert... God ordained that Moses should make a tabernacle, a tent where the people of God would meet with Him

Within that Tabernacle would be the "Holy of Holies"... the Sacred place where God would meet with His people

##### Tabernacle Designed to Move

Concept: God is on the move... He has not yet come into His resting place while Israel remains in the desert outside the Promised Land

##### C. The One Place of Worship in the Promised Land

*Deuteronomy 12:4-6 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. <sup>5</sup> **But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go;** <sup>6</sup> *there bring your burnt offerings and**

***sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.***

D. Jerusalem, The City of David: Chosen from the Tribes of Israel

1. Melchizedek, King of Salem: first mention of this place
2. A Jebusite City, Located on the border of Judah's and Benjamin's Inheritance
3. Judah Could Not Drive Out the Jebusites, neither could the Benjamites
4. David Conquered It By War (2 Samuel 5:6-7)
5. David Brought the Ark to Its Resting Place (2 Samuel 6:12-15)

E. David's Heart: To Build a Permanent Resting Place for the Ark

1. David's Lavish Palace of Cedar on Mt. Zion
2. David's Concern: 2 Samuel 7

***2 Samuel 7:1-3 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." <sup>3</sup> Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.***

F. The Covenant and Correction from God: Your Son Will Build My House

God spoke to David through Nathan the prophet

"You are not the one who will build a house for God to dwell in"

"I will raise up your son from your own body... He will build a house for me"

Immediate fulfillment: Solomon and the Building of the Temple

Eternal fulfillment: Christ, the Son of David, who built the final house of God... the church... the holy people of God, cleansed by His blood

So David's son Solomon would build the temple...

BUT WHERE????

G. David's Sin: the Prideful Census

Satan incited David to number the fighting men of Israel



God was determined to punish David for the sinful census: He gave him one of three options... 1) three years of famine; 2) three months of fleeing before your enemies; 3) three days of the sword of the Lord—a plague, with the angel of the Lord ravaging every part of Israel

David chose the three days of plague, because the Lord's mercy is great

BUT 70,000 Israelites died from the plague

#### H. The Threshing Floor of Araunah

**1 Chronicles 21:15ff** And God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. But as the angel was doing so, the LORD saw it and was grieved because of the calamity and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "Enough! Withdraw your hand." The angel of the LORD was then standing at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.<sup>16</sup> David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown.<sup>17</sup> David said to God, "Was it not I who ordered the fighting men to be counted? I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? O LORD my God, let your hand fall upon me and my family, but do not let this plague remain on your people."<sup>18</sup> Then the angel of the LORD ordered Gad to tell David to go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. ...<sup>26</sup> David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. He called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.<sup>27</sup> Then the LORD spoke to the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.<sup>28</sup> At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, he offered sacrifices there.<sup>29</sup> The tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses had made in the desert, and the altar of burnt offering were at that time on the high place at Gibeon.<sup>30</sup> But David could not go before it to inquire of God, because he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the LORD. **1 Chronicles 22:1** Then David said, "The house of the LORD God is to be here, and also the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

So, the temple was to be built where David saw the angel of the Lord standing between heaven and earth!

Where was the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite??

#### I. The Location of the Temple: Mount Moriah !!!!

**2 Chronicles 3:1** *Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David.*

Golden nails:

***2 Chronicles 3:8-9 He built the Most Holy Place, its length corresponding to the width of the temple-- twenty cubits long and twenty cubits wide. He overlaid the inside with six hundred talents {8 That is, about 23 tons (about 21 metric tons)} of fine gold. <sup>9</sup> The gold nails weighed fifty shekels. He also overlaid the upper parts with gold.***

The Holy of Holies was crafted with golden nails... that was the place where God would meet with Israel and where their sins would be atoned for by blood

But a thousand years later, on the exact same mountain, the true Holy of Holies would be crafted with iron nails, not golden ones... the true Holy of Holies would be the body of Christ, and the iron nails would fasten Him to the cross and pour out the blood that would save His people from their sins

J. Solomon's Prayer: God's "Resting Place"

***2 Chronicles 6:41 - 7:2 "Now arise, O LORD God, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. May your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, may your saints rejoice in your goodness. <sup>42</sup> O LORD God, do not reject your anointed one. Remember the great love promised to David your servant." When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it.***

K. God's Lasting But Temporary Provision

There on Mount Moriah, God came to dwell in symbolic form... there the Jews were to bring their burnt offerings

There on Mount Moriah, on the mountain of the Lord it was provided... ANIMAL SACRIFICE... a temporary and symbolic provision

There at Solomon's Temple, on Mount Moriah, the mountain of the Lord, day after day the priests stood and performed their symbolic duties, sacrificing the blood the Lord had provided for the atonement of their sins

***Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.***

All these animals were offered day after day, year after year at the place God had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel... from the land of Judah, in the city of David, on Mount Moriah, the very place God had commanded Abraham to sacrifice his one and only son

For centuries Mount Moriah was the place of God's provision... but not one drop of animal blood ever atoned for a single sin...

*Hebrews 10:3-4 those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, <sup>4</sup> because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

it was all symbolic, a type, a prophecy, a picture of the later sacrifice to be made on that exact same mountain, once for all time!

## V. The Lord's Final Provision on Mount Moriah: The Cross and the Empty Tomb

### A. Christ's Purpose Was to Die

*Hebrews 10:5-7 when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am-- it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.'"*

And what was the will of God for Christ's body?

*John 10:17-18 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life-- only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."*

*Matthew 20:28 the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

### B. God's Chosen Place: Jerusalem, on Mount Moriah

*Mark 10:32-34 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. <sup>33</sup> "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup> who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."*

*Luke 9:51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.*

- The **time** of His death was set by prophecy: He would be sacrificed at Passover as the Passover lamb
- The **circumstances** of His death were set by prophecy: He would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver by a close friend, and condemned by His own people

- The **manner** of His death was set by prophecy: He would be pierced for our transgressions
- The **PLACE** of His death was also set by prophecy: He would be sacrificed on Mount Moriah, just as Isaac had almost been

*Genesis 22:14 to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."*

#### C. Where Christ Was Sacrificed

Jesus died at “Golgotha”, the place of the skull (Matthew 27:33)

But Golgotha was still in Jerusalem proper, still on Mount Zion... for Revelation 11:8 says Jesus died in the great city, Jerusalem; and John tells us Jesus was crucified near the city

*Revelation 11:8 Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.*

***John 19:20 the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city***

Outside the city gate, but on Mount Moriah nonetheless

*Hebrews 13:12 Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.*

Thus was the type perfectly fulfilled, even concerning the place of Jesus’ death

#### D. All Signs Point to God’s Eternal Provision: Jesus Christ, Sacrificed for Our Sins

Why did God do all these precise prediction?

Why so many indicators that Jesus was the Christ?

God wanted us to know who our savior was, that we might believe in Him and trust in Him for the salvation of our souls

God wanted us to be SURE that Jesus was the Christ

Jesus did MANY miracles, not just one:

*John 7:31 Still, many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?"*

So also Jesus fulfilled MANY prophecies, not just one

The location of His death is just one more indicator that this Jewish man who lived so long ago is your Savior

*Genesis 22:14 to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."*

On Mount Moriah in Jerusalem IT WAS PROVIDED... the blood atonement for your sins

But that was not all that was provided

## VI. The Rich Banquet on the Mountain: All Expenses Provided

### A. Isaiah's Second Prophecy of the "Mountain of the Lord": Death Destroyed

*Isaiah 25:6-9 **On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines.** <sup>7</sup> **On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;** <sup>8</sup> **he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.** <sup>9</sup> **In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."***

"On this mountain": WHAT MOUNTAIN? In context, it can be none other than the Mountain of the Lord's Temple... Jerusalem, God's holy hill, Mt. Zion

WHAT WILL HAPPEN "ON THIS MOUNTAIN"? The Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples... with the highest quality food and drink.

WHAT IS THIS RICH FEAST, THIS BANQUET? None other than the destruction of death...

***On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;** <sup>8</sup> **he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken***

On Mount Moriah, Jesus Christ destroyed death forever by His crucifixion

On Mount Moriah, Jesus Christ also destroyed death forever by His resurrection

Just as Jesus was crucified on Mount Moriah, so also He was buried on Mount Moriah:

*John 19:41-42 **At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.** <sup>42</sup> **Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.***

This was the Banquet God prepared... the Feast of Eternal Fellowship with God, of all sins forgiven, of death destroyed

And it was not for Jews only but also for Gentiles too... for ALL PEOPLES

Therefore God ordained that the message would go out to the ends of the earth "Come to the banquet"

#### B. Isaiah's First and Last Prophecy of the "Mountain of the Lord": The Streaming of the Nations

*Isaiah 2:1-3 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: <sup>2</sup> In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

*Isaiah 66:19-20 I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.*

#### C. Isaiah's Invitation: Come to the Banquet... All Expenses Provided

The rich banquet God provided on His Holy Mountain is for all peoples

At that mountain you will find everything you need!!

*Isaiah 55:1-2 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.*

## VII. Review and Applications

Review:

- God specified a certain place for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac... He highlighted it and emphasized it and led Abraham right to it. It was called Mount Moriah

- That place Abraham designated as “The Mountain of the Lord,” and when the Angel of the Lord rescued Isaac from death and substituted a ram in his place, Abraham established a saying for all time: “On the Mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”
- Before Israel entered the Promised Land, God spoke through Moses in Deuteronomy saying that He would choose one place from all the tribes to put His name; there all Israel would go to sacrifice
- When Israel took over the Promised Land under Joshua, Mount Moriah was in the allotment of both Judah and Benjamin, right on the border between the two... but neither the tribe of Judah nor Benjamin could conquer Jerusalem from the Jebusites who lived there.
- That is, until David took the city and made it his home. He built a palace of cedar there on Mount Moriah; but he also had it in his heart to build a temple for God.
- God ordained that it was Solomon who built the temple, and He also ordained that it would be on Mount Moriah, on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.
- There, on the same mountain where Isaac was almost sacrificed, where Abraham established the saying “On the Mountain of the Lord it will be provided,” for one thousand years Israel offered animal sacrifices, minus the time of the exile to Babylon.
- There, on that same mountain, Mt. Moriah, the “Mountain of the Lord,” the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified for sin
- There, on that same mountain, Mt. Moriah, the “Mountain of the Lord,” the Lord Jesus Christ was buried
- There, on that same mountain, Mt. Moriah, the “Mountain of the Lord,” the Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected on the third day
- There, on that same mountain, Mt. Moriah, the “Mountain of the Lord,” the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled for all time and for all people the saying “On the Mountain of the Lord it will be provided.” There Jesus spread a feast for all nations by swallowing up death forever.

#### Applications:

1. Come to the banquet! Trust in Christ to atone for sin and destroy death
2. Marvel at the meticulous nature of God’s Redemptive Plan
3. Thank the Lord daily for sin’s atonement and death’s destruction
4. Thank the Lord daily for the cost He was willing to pay

5. Invite others to the banquet
6. Worship God sacrificially in spirit and in truth