

Faith Fulfilled, Tested and Rewarded
Genesis 21:1-8, 22:1-19
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Intro: What has God promised you and delayed? What do you long for and await? Have you wanted to give up? Have you thought, “How long must I wait?”? A child, a better job, a house to raise your family in, a dream deferred to the point of doubt. Abraham and Sarah would have been able to tell a story to rival any of ours.

Interog: Abraham and Sarah had a promise and saw a problem, but they did not have what we have. We have them to tell us to wait, hold on, God will show up in time, he will be faithful, but can that really change our reaction? Will you be like Abraham and Sarah, or will you hold on and see the hand of a faithful God?

Read Scripture: Gen 21:1-8

1. **God Keeps His Promise. Verse 21:1-5**
Verse 5 - 12:17, 13:15-16, 15:5, – History of the promise
Ps 105:42-45
Kings 8:22 – Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication
2. **God’s People Rejoice When He Keeps His Promise. Verse 21:6-7**
Nehemiah 12:36 – Dedication of the Temple
NT Promise – John 16:23-24 – Ask of the Lord
3. **The Choice: God or God’s Provision. Verses 22:1-10**
Gen 4:7 – Cain’s choice, Luke 22:31 Peter’s choice
Joshua 24:14-15
Choose not to give up on God and His promise
People with vision
4. **God Rewards His Obedient Servants. Verses 22:11-19**
Israel was promised a kingdom, they are a nation to this day.
David was given the promise of an eternal Kingdom – Jesus fulfilled it
You have been promised deliverance and purpose, choose this day.

Conclusion: Cling to the promises of God, not the things of this world. It is not easy, and you will most likely experience failure along the way, but do not give in to sin, and do not give up on God!