

# BE ROOTED, KNOW GOD BY HIS NAMES: YAHWEH YIREH

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## WORSHIP

Angels We Have  
Heard on High, For  
Unto Us (Open the  
Eyes), King of Kings

## WELCOME

How will you  
celebrate Christmas  
differently this year?

## WORD

### READ IT!

#### GENESIS 22:12-14

**<sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not reach out your hand against the boy, and do not do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." <sup>13</sup> Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in the place of his son. <sup>14</sup> And Abraham named that place The Lord Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.**

**READ Genesis 22:1-19 for context**

### PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

### TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about following God?
- How have you seen Yahweh Yireh provide for you in this eventful year?

### POINT IT OUT!

#### 1. THE TEST OF LOVE

- In **Genesis 22:2**, the word LOVE was first mentioned in the Bible, it described the love of a father to his son.
- Isaac was a picture of Abraham's hopes and dreams. For many years, Abraham waited for a son.
- It was a big test when Abraham was given this task of offering his only son to GOD.
- Anything that you love more than you love God becomes an idol
- Idols can be formed in our hearts and God describes them as stumbling blocks and iniquities (**Ezekiel 14:3,6**).
- Idols are not always bad things. They can be good things that take the place of God.

#### 2. THE TEST OF OBEDIENCE

- When Abraham's **obedience** was tested, he got up early in the morning and followed God **immediately (Gen. 22:3)**
- Delayed obedience is disobedience. **John 14:15** reminds us that our obedience to God shows if we truly love Him.
- Obedience brings blessings! It is not always easy; but we can trust and obey Him knowing it is God who provides.
- Seeking Him first is something that we will never regret doing.

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### 3. THE TEST OF FAITH

- Abraham was tested in FAITH (**Gen. 22: 4-6**).
- His words reveal his faith in God: “I and the boy will go over there, and worship and **WE WILL return** to you”, even when he knew he was to offer his son.
- Sometimes, you cannot reconcile circumstances and reasoning. Faith means you learn to wait on the Lord and keep doing what He wants you to do.
- Faith is something that grows, and God can develop our faith. **Hebrews 11:8** tells how Abraham’s faith in the Lord got deeper.
- When tested again (**Hebrews 11:17-19**), Abraham held on to God’s promise that through Isaac all the nations will be blessed.
- He was ready to sacrifice Isaac because he knew God is faithful and nothing is impossible with God (as Isaac was, himself, a miracle baby) Abraham obeyed God fully.
- God provided for him a ram as a sacrifice in Isaac’s place, just as Abraham claimed earlier (**Genesis 22:8**) and Isaac’s life was spared.
- In **Genesis 22:14** Abraham called that place YAHWEH YIREH—the LORD will provide.
- Years later, on that same mountain, Solomon built God’s temple in Jerusalem (**2 Chronicles 3:1**). Sacrifices were made in the temple, and it was a picture (type) of what was coming.
- 2,000 years ago, God offered His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for our sins.
- **JESUS WAS OUR SUBSTITUTE**. He willingly offered His life as a sacrifice for our sins.
- Christmas is the story of YAHWEH YIREH—God’s provision for the forgiveness of our sins (**John 3:16**); a perfect expression of LOVE.
- A Savior has been given to us (**Luke 2:11**); He is the greatest Gift we could ever receive, and the greatest we could ever give to others!

## WORKS

### APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on God’s name: YAHWEH YIREH, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make this your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple  
Measurable  
Appropriate  
Realistic  
Time-bound

“I will \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that people will know and trust Jesus Christ as their Savior, God’s greatest provision for our greatest need. Take the time to share this message to someone this Christmas!

## WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

### I. Thanksgiving

Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

### II. Country and the World

Upright and moral governance of Public Servants  
A God-centered Philippines  
Repentance and Salvation

### III. Church

That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples  
Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families  
Ministries and Churches worldwide

### IV. CCF Facilities

Worship and Training Center  
Prayer Mountain

### V. Personal Concerns

Deeper intimate relationship with God  
Righteous living  
Salvation of family and friends