

**“But this He said to test
him, for He Himself knew
what He would do”**

John 6:6



❖ This test was to teach the disciples a lesson

- Calculations differ in the presence of the Lord
- They answered right when they were called to preach the Gospel to the whole world



❖ Another test was given to reward Abraham and show us his faithfulness

- “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son; blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore”

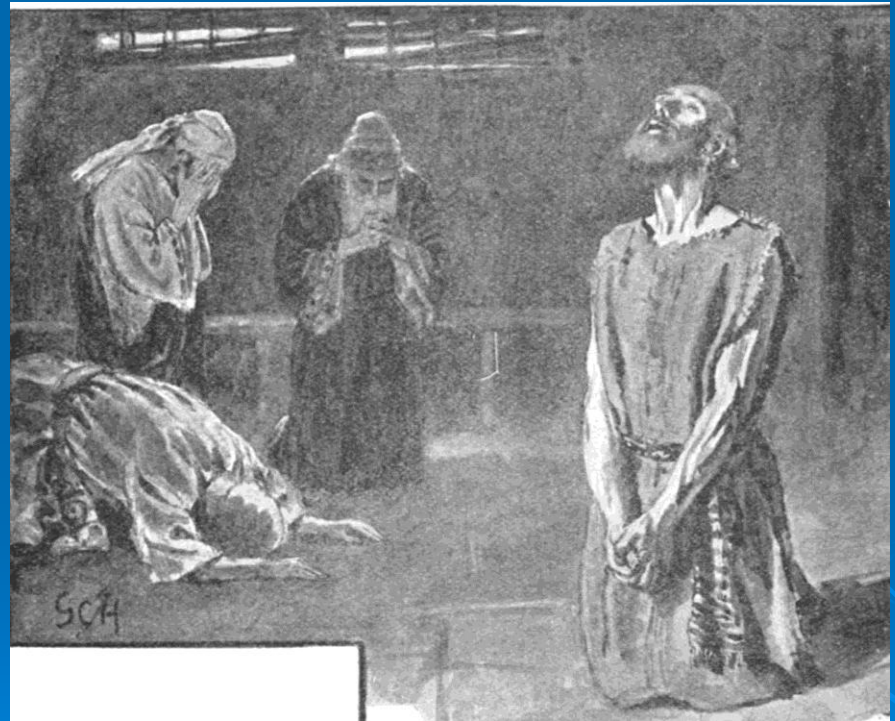
Genesis 22: 15 -17



❖ A test may also be given to purify and perfect a faithful man

- “I am pure, without transgression; I am innocent, and there is no iniquity in me.”

Job 33:9



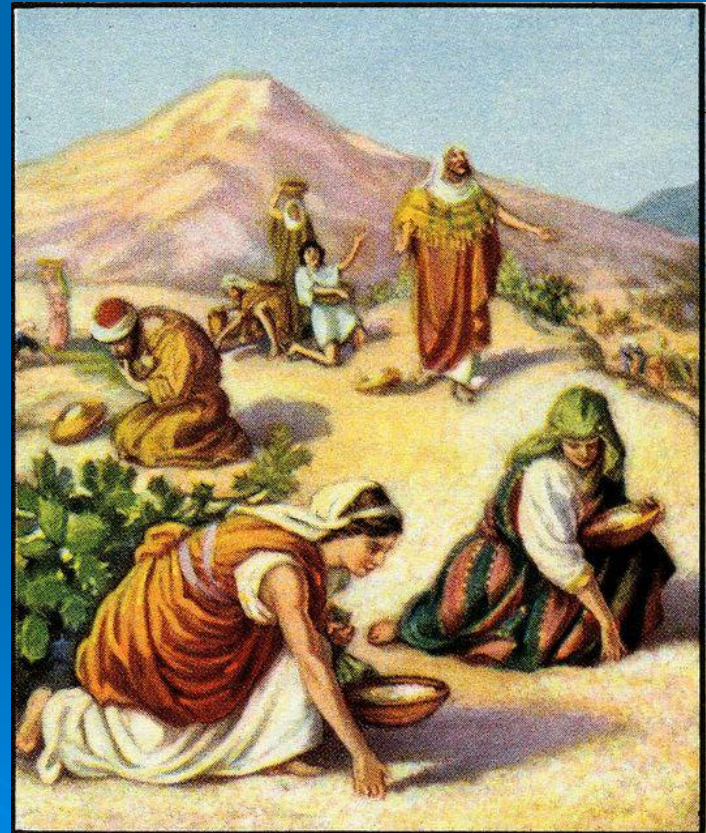
❖ A test will make us to know whom we are and where we stand

- “Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart”
Psalm 26:2
- The example of St. Peter



❖ Through the test, we come to learn patience, humility, and the fear of the Lord

- And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” *Exodus 20:20*



❖ The test is an evidence of God's love, justice and wisdom

- “I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings”

Jeremiah 17:10



❖ God may test man with a command...

- “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

Genesis 2:16-17



❖ ... with a neighbor

- “I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD.” *Judges 2:21-22*
- The Rich Man and Lazarus



❖ ... with an honor

- The example of King Saul



❖ ... or with fire

- “...each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is”

1 Cor 3:13



Lot and His family fleeing Sodom