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Tempted or Tested

- ◆ The difference between being \_\_\_\_\_ and being \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the \_\_\_\_\_ , he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. James 1.12
- ◆ When a person is \_\_\_\_\_ it is to show he or she is ready to move on.
- ◆ It is about being \_\_\_\_\_ and not about \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ Let no one say when he is \_\_\_\_\_ , "I am being \_\_\_\_\_ by God," for God cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ with evil, and he himself \_\_\_\_\_ no one. But each person is \_\_\_\_\_ when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. James 1.13-14
- ◆ When a person is \_\_\_\_\_ it does not come from God.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ are the results of our own choices, wants and desires. They are excluding God from our lives.

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## The Story Genesis 22.1=17a

### The miraculous births

- ◆ “Shall a child be born to a man who is a \_\_\_\_\_ years old? Shall Sarah, who is \_\_\_\_\_ years old, bear a child?” Genesis 17.17
- ◆ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Genesis 21.5
- ◆ Sarah was well past the age to give birth to a child. God wanted to prove this was his \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ “Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” Matthew 1.23
- ◆ Mary was a \_\_\_\_\_ when she gave birth to Jesus. This was God’s \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 7.14

### The Only Son

- ◆ He said, “Take your son, your \_\_\_\_\_ Isaac, Genesis 22.2, 12, 16
- ◆ It is clear God viewed Isaac as Abraham’s one and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1.14, 18, 3.16, 18, 1 John 4.9
- ◆ This refers to his incarnation or taking on human flesh. Jesus is God and God is \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God through his miraculous birth.

## **PRAYER**

Our living and loving God, we come before you today and know that you are the one who provides for us each and everyday. We are your children, and you are our heavenly father. Today we seek that our lives be a sweet aroma before you. That our prayers ascend to you, and you pour out answers upon our lives and the lives of those we bring before you. Today we seek to be the shadow of Christ, living witnesses, bearing one another’s burdens before you and together we want to be the living Church.

We bring before you those seeking justice, strength, healing, and guidance. We seek your will for our lives and to know how to live for you each day. Together we want to be your church and to represent you before all we meet.

We, like Abraham, call on you to provide our needs. We seek to be living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to you. This week move in our lives in ways that show the world around us that you are our God, and we are your people.

It is in the precious name of Jesus we pray.... AMEN

## The Shadow of Christ

1. **Miraculous births:** \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Peter 1.23
2. **Only Sons:** \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John 3.2
3. **Named by God:** \_\_\_\_\_ Philippians 2.10-11
4. **Burnt offering:** we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Corinthians 2.15
5. **Two witnesses:** \_\_\_\_\_  
1 John 5.10a. 11
6. **Wood for sacrifice:** \_\_\_\_\_ one another's \_\_\_\_\_  
Galatians 6.2
7. **Sacrificial lambs:** \_\_\_\_\_ Sacrifice  
Romans 12.1
8. **Unity with the father:** Perfect \_\_\_\_\_ John 17.23

## Named By God

- ◆ “Sarah... shall bear you a son, and you shall call his \_\_\_\_\_.” Genesis 17.19
- ◆ Isaac means, “he will \_\_\_\_\_.” When Sarah heard she would get pregnant at the age of 90 it caused her to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ “[Mary] shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 1.21
- ◆ Jesus means “Yahweh \_\_\_\_\_, ’ or God \_\_\_\_\_.”

## Burnt Offerings

- ◆ He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a \_\_\_\_\_ on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” Genesis 22.2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13 (repeated 6 X’s)
  - ◆ Burnt Offerings were ...an offering made by fire, a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord. Leviticus 1:9, 13, 17
  - ◆ [Christ] has given Himself for us, an ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) offering and a sacrifice to God for a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ . Ephesians 5:2
  - ◆ Burnt offerings defined in Leviticus.
  - ◆ You shall lay your hand on the head of the \_\_\_\_\_ , and it shall be acceptable in your behalf as atonement for you. Leviticus 1.4
1. Lay on your hands: Where Sins were \_\_\_\_\_ . Once for all. Rom. 6.10-11
  2. Acceptable in your behalf: Redeems what is owed with a \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Atonement for you: Propitiation or a payment made for \_\_\_\_\_ to pay a debt.

- ◆ Through the Lord's mercies \_\_\_\_\_ ARE \_\_\_\_\_, because His compassions fail not. Lamentations 3:22

### Two Witnesses

- ◆ So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took \_\_\_\_\_ of his young men with him, and Isaac his son;
- ◆ Then \_\_\_\_\_ robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. Matthew 27:38
- ◆ On the evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. Deuteronomy 17.6
- ◆ Jesus and Isaac were both accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_ others to their sacrifice.

### Wood for Sacrifice

- ◆ So Abraham took the \_\_\_\_\_ of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. Genesis 22:6a. In verses 3, 6, 7, 9 twice.
- ◆ Isaac carried, on his shoulders, the \_\_\_\_\_ he was to be \_\_\_\_\_ on.
- ◆ [Jesus], bearing His \_\_\_\_\_, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha." John 19:17
- ◆ Jesus carried the \_\_\_\_\_ (the cross) where He would be \_\_\_\_\_ on his shoulders.

### Sacrificial Lambs

But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son."

Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

And Abraham said, "My son, \_\_\_\_\_ for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Genesis 22:7-8

- ◆ God provided the \_\_\_\_\_ to replace Isaac.
- ◆ Behold! The \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ Who takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29
- ◆ God provided \_\_\_\_\_ to replace us.

### Unity with the Father

- ◆ [Abraham and Isaac] \_\_\_\_\_ ...and Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them \_\_\_\_\_ . Genesis 22:6, 8
- ◆ They were a team. The one following the directions of the other.
- ◆ I and the Father are \_\_\_\_\_ ." John 10.30
- ◆ even as the Father \_\_\_\_\_ Me, and I \_\_\_\_\_ the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. John 10.15
- ◆ God & Jesus had one plan and it required a \_\_\_\_\_ .