

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1246: Does God Really Require Human Sacrifices? Contradiction Series

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See:  **CQ Rewind**
SHOW NOTES

1. Were there any ancient peoples who practiced the sacrifice of live humans, including children? Did the Israelites also practice this? (See Leviticus 20:2)
2. What were the special circumstances of Isaac's birth? What did God ask Abraham to do with Isaac? What does the word "offer" mean – how is it used? What do you think Abraham meant when he told the young men he left behind that he and Isaac would return? (See Genesis 22:1-5)
3. What did Abraham tell Isaac about the lamb for the burnt offering? What was Abraham's confident belief about God? What is reasonable to assume Abraham and Isaac discussed on the three-day walk from Beersheba to Mount Mariah? (Genesis 21:31, 22:4-9, Matthew Poole Commentary)
4. How old was Isaac at this time? Could he have fought back against Abraham? Why do you think he was bound on the altar? How would Abraham have felt when he and Isaac walked past the Valley of Gehenna on the way to Mount Moriah? (See Genesis 22:10-14)
5. What were Abraham's actions after God provided the ram lamb in the thicket? What was the promise given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? How did this promise strengthen Abraham? Explain the relationship between Jesus and Isaac in the "type and fulfillment" examples in CQ Rewind. (See Genesis 12:1-4, 17:18-19, 21:9-13, 22:9-14, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, John 3:16, Hebrews 11:17-19, 1 John 4:10)
6. What was the purpose of this account of Abraham and Isaac? (See John 1:29, 10:17-18)
7. Why was a covenant formed between Joshua and the Gibeonites? How long did this covenant last? What caused the three-year famine? What did the Gibeonites demand to make Saul's sin right? Did they want wealth? (See Joshua 9:1-27, 2 Samuel 21:1-9, Bonus Material)
8. Why would David comply with their demand? Did David break the oath he gave to Saul to not destroy Saul's line of descendants? (See Deuteronomy 19:11-13, Numbers 14:18, 1 Samuel 24:16-22, 2 Samuel 21:1-9)
9. How was Jesus' sacrifice "better" than the sacrifices of the Old Testament priests? What opportunity does Jesus' sacrifice open up for us? (See Hebrews 10:9-12, Romans 12:1-2)
10. Were oaths forbidden in the Old Testament Law? What is the purpose of the Sermon on the Mount? How does this purpose inform us on oaths in Matthew 5:33-37? Who swore oaths in the New Testament? What is our take-away on our responsibility with oaths? (See Numbers 30:2, Matthew 5:21-44, 26:63-64, 2 Corinthians 1:23, Galatians 1:19-20)