

Hello! This is Dorothy -

We have been thinking about **1 Corinthians chapter 15**, about **according to the Scriptures**. For we read —

3/ . . . that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

4/ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures. I just love the fact that he is referring to

something in the Word of God that shows not only that we saw Jonah thrown into the belly of the great fish, but that he died and rose again three days later. This amazing, miraculous sign was used of God and to which the Lord refers to in **Matthew**. I am talking now about what those Scriptures were - **according to the Scriptures**.

We are going to turn to **Genesis chapter 22** where we read -

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire. . . -that is the judgment - the sin upon the Cross - . . .in his hand, and a knife; . . . - that reminds us of our Lord Jesus who was pierced through with cruel nails for you and me - . . . and they -Abraham and Isaac - went both of them together.
- just Abraham and the lad, his son.

This is an amazing thought that Abraham would take his son. For we

read in **chapter 22** -

2 . . . Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. In that range of mountains, he did not know on which mountain this sacrifice would be given on, but God would show him exactly. It is interesting to know that Calvary, the site of the Cross of our Lord Jesus, was on Mount Moriah! For we read -

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. *The very place of the Cross.* May God bring you to that place in your heart. The center of all history is around that work upon the Cross, when Jesus took upon Himself sin: took upon Himself my self; took upon Himself all that would separate me from an holy God. May you know Calvary in your heart today.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. Oh, through the resurrection power of our Lord Jesus Christ, may you know the place. May you understand what Calvary is all about. May you see yourself hanging there, for that is what Jesus did. He hung in your place. You should have been there and I should have been there, but even if we were, what would have happened to our sin? We would still have died in our sin because only the spotless

Son of God on that Cross could carry the sin, could change the lives, could make us new people, new creations in Him.

We read in **verse 5** of **chapter 22** -

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; . . . in other words, stay here with the animal who has helped bring these things here . . . and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. This is the verse that was spoken of in **1 Corinthians 15 - according to the Scriptures.** Of course it is! Don't you understand? Abraham was going off with his son. He was not a little boy he could carry in his arms; he was now a lad. He was going to go and worship God — worship God and bring his son to be sacrificed. Don't you understand — true sacrifice is always around death: Death to self. You cannot really worship God when you are full of yourself, thinking, "Is my voice right? Am I looking right? Do I fit in with everybody else? Is everybody noticing me? Are they approving of me?" No! Worship always comes through understanding Calvary.

This amazing, amazing prophecy is: we ***will go and come again.*** Don't you understand? Abraham had the faith to know he would ***come again.*** Yes, he was obeying God; he was going to sacrifice his son, but he did not say, "I will come back and leave my lad there." No, he said, ***I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.***

Oh, the resurrection power of Jesus available to the believer is available to you today! When will you come to understand that it is not the tradition of what you feel you have to do for the Lord? It is His resurrection life. It is the exchanged life. The explanation of the impossible. He is All in all. Turn to Him and trust Him for that very thing today.

In Jesus ' Name. Amen.