**THE TIME TO EXAMINE**

**(GEN.21-23)**

1. **THE PRIZE OF FAITH (GEN.21)**

 Romans 4:18-25 Hebrews 11:11

1. The Miracle (v.1-7)
2. The Mandate (v.8-21)
3. The Manner (v.22-34)
4. **THE PROOF OF FAITH (GEN.22)**
5. The commandl (v.1-2)
6. The course (v.3-14) NOTE Abraham’s obedience

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1. The consequences (v.15-24)
2. **THE PATIENCE OF FAITH (GEN.23)**
3. Weeping of Abraham (v.1-2)
4. Wisdom of Abraham (v.3-20)

PLEASE CONSIDER:
1. The miraculous birth of Isaac is often seen as a comparison to the new birth necessary for you or any other human being to be saved and participate in God’s kingdom. See Romans 4:18-25. The main points are obvious: Isaac’s birth was absolutely impossible for Abraham and Sarah. They were both dead so far as their ability to produce new life was concerned. This is precisely what the Scripture says about our supposed ability to regenerate ourselves or to save ourselves. (See Eph.2:1) Have you ever realized that you can do NOTHING to make yourself right with God?

2. Abraham believed God’s promise of a son because he was “fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised” (Romans 4:21). That is, Abraham knew that the power in this birth would have to come from above, from God. Have you ever realized (and experienced)

being born again is all God’s work? (Ephesians 2:8 “For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves. It is the gift of God.”) Have you ever believed and received God’s gift of saving faith? When?

3.So long as Abraham had possessed the physical ability to procreate a child, the child would have been his child and the glory for engendering it would have been his as well. But since he was well past the age of engendering children when Isaac was conceived, the glory was God’s. Have you ever realized that the salvation of a soul is in order that glory might be given to God alone, not to sinful men and women (Romans 4:20)?

4. Do you know, based on God’s Word, that you are truly saved? Will you thank Him and praise Him for His amazing grace, power, and provision to save you?