

Wyoming Men's Retreat Talk outlines:

Talk 2 - 1 Hour - Saturday Morning @ 8:30 AM

- **What happens when sin is introduced into your house?**
 - Chaos ensues?
 - How do we guard ourselves? Our Home? Our Family?
 - When we have allowed sin to enter into our lives... what have we done about it?
- **The two lines:**
 - **The Good through Abel**
 - Then Seth to replace Able
 - Seeking the NAME of God or call upon the NAME of the Lord
 - From this line will come Noah & his son Shem (NAME).
 - **The Bad line through Cain**
 - Murder & revenge & Envy -Gen 4
 - Self-seeking
 - Trades
 - The work & accomplishment of Man NOT God
 - Fashioning idols
 - Polygamy
 - Sexual perversion - Gen. 4:19-24
 - The more man commits personal sin... the smaller his life span becomes
- **The corruption of the good line from intermarrying with the bad line**
 - **Genesis 6:**
 - [1] When men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them,
 - [2] the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took to wife such of them as they chose.
 - [3] Then the LORD said, "My spirit shall not abide in man for ever, for he is flesh, but his days shall be a hundred and twenty years."
 - [4] The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.
 - [5] The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- **Once the GOOD line was corrupted... what does God do?**
 - [6] And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

- [7] So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the ground, man and beast and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."
- **Is his the end of all mankind? NO>>> a proto-Christ is found!**
 - [8] But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.
- **Notice first the Baptismal Typology**
 - The water covers the earth AGAIN
 - Man enters the depths/death
 - Righteous Man comes out of the waters
 - A DOVE hovers & Waters recede from a WIND blowing
 - Think of John 3 with the WIND blowing where it wills.
 - Same word - Pa-New-Ma is used for Spirit and wind.
- **You should be thinking Creation in Genesis 1 & Baptism of Jesus in John 1**
 - A foreshadowing to the day when...
 - Sinful man will enter into the depths of the water grave with Christ
 - Emerge, born again of WATER & SPIRIT, a new man in Christ!
 - **1 Peter 3: 18 - 22**
 - [18] For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh
 - but made alive in the spirit;
 - [19] in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison,
 - [20] who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited
 - in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which
 - a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.
 - [21] Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God
 - for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus
 - Christ,
 - [22] who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with
 - angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.
- **New Adam!**
 - **Hebrews 11: [7]** By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark for the saving of his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness which comes by faith.
 - New Adam who WALKS with Go
 - Saved/Re-Born THROUGH the waters
 - Man placed on a Mountain
 - Dominion of the animals
 - Father of his Family
 - A Recapitulation of the first covenant is made
 - **Genesis 9: [4]** Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

- [5] For your lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning; of every beast I will require it and of man; of every man's brother I will require the life of man.
 - [6] **Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image.**
 - [7] And you, be fruitful and multiply, bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply in it."
 - [8] Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,
 - [9] "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you,
 - A Vineyard is planted & the command to Fill the Earth is given
 - A NEW Adam & a Type of the one to come!
- **Drunkenness in the Garden of Noah - Gen. 8 & 9**
 - Like the first Adam... the second Adam also FALLS from grace & with a fall comes a curse!
 - **Genesis 9:**
 - [20] Noah was the first tiller of the soil. He planted a vineyard;
 - [21] and he drank of the wine, and became drunk, and lay uncovered in his tent.
 - [22] And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.
 - [23] Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.
 - [24] When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him,
 - [25] he said, "Cursed be Canaan;
 - a slave of slaves shall he be to his brothers."
 - [26] He also said, "Blessed by the LORD my God be Shem;
 - and let Canaan be his slave."
 - [27] God enlarge Japheth,
 - and let him dwell in the tents of Shem;
 - and let Canaan be his slave."
 - Ham looked at the Nakedness of his Father -
 - The taking of the Kings wives to usurp the authority of the first-born or the King himself...
 - We will see this again in the future...
 - Ruben takes his Father, Israel's, concubine Bilah - Genesis 35:22

- 3) **Gen. 22:15-18** Because Abraham didn't withhold his only son God promises to send His son which will "draw all peoples" to himself when he is lifted up and therefore bless ALL nations!
- **AFWKHP, Pg. 96, Dr. Scott Hahn:** "First, Abram's seed received its national land and boundaries after the Exodus, through the Mosaic Covenant. Second, Abraham's seed became a kingdom after the conquest of the Promised Land, through the Davidic Covenant. Finally, the seed of Abraham became the source of blessing for the entire world with the Incarnation of Christ, through the New Covenant."
- **CCC 2570** When God calls him, Abraham goes forth "as the Lord had told him"; [8](#) Abraham's heart is entirely submissive to the Word and so he obeys. Such attentiveness of the heart, whose decisions are made according to God's will, is essential to prayer, while the words used count only in relation to it. Abraham's prayer is expressed first by deeds: a man of silence, he constructs an altar to the Lord at each stage of his journey. Only later does Abraham's first prayer in words appear: a veiled complaint reminding God of his promises which seem unfulfilled. [9](#) Thus one aspect of the drama of prayer appears from the beginning: the test of faith in the fidelity of God.
- **The Sacrifice of his ONLY Son!**
 - CCC 2572 As a final stage in the purification of his faith, Abraham, "who had received the promises," [13](#) is asked to sacrifice the son God had given him. Abraham's faith does not weaken ("God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering."), for he "considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead." [14](#) And so the father of believers is conformed to the likeness of the Father who will not spare his own Son but will deliver him up for us all. [15](#) Prayer restores man to God's likeness and enables him to share in the power of God's love that saves the multitude. [16](#)
 - **Genesis 22 The Akadah - the Binding!**
 - **Verse 1 God tested Abraham**
 - [1] After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I."
 - right after Sarah asked to have Hagar & Ish'mael dis-owned & cast out. *Gen. 21:8-14*
 - **Verse 2 Take your only son & offer him on Mori'ah**
 - [2] He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Mori'ah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."
 - W/ Ish'mael gone Isaac was his only son. IF he offers Isaac up then who will be left to fulfill the promises God had made for countless decedents?

- Mori'ah is the same mountain upon which the temple will be built & the same mountain that Jesus will be crucified upon (2 Chron. 3:1 - Solomon began to build the temple on Mt. Mori'ah)

■Verse 4 On the 3rd Day!

- [4] On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off.
 - With the Ass - Palm Sunday
 - Son - Jesus
 - Wood - The Cross
 - & two others they come to Mori'ah
 - Tells the two to stay with the Ass while they go to worship and will come again to them.
 - Is this like Christ telling the disciples in the Garden to wait while he goes off to pray?
St. Matthew 26:36 & following

■Verse 6 The wood for the offering

- [6] And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.
 - Abraham places the wood upon his son & Isaac carries it up the mountain for the sacrifice.
 - Jesus also takes the wood upon His back... placed by His Father ... as he carries it up the same mountain.

■Verse 7 & 8 Abba Father... Where is the lamb?

- [7] And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"
- [8] Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.
 - Isaac asks his father where the lamb is for the sacrifice & Abraham says "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." in **verse 8**
 - Just as Jesus calls out to His Father... let this cup pass from me... yet not my will by thine be done!
Also in St. Matthew 26

■Verse 9 Binding & placing Isaac on the wood & on the altar

- [9] When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

- Isaac was a young man by this point & could have defended himself... if he didn't this must mean he was cooperating with the plan of God!
- Jesus too was placed upon the wood of sacrifice... the cross in total cooperation with His Father's will & plan! (*"the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak"* Matt. 26:41 **or** John 18:11: " shall I NOT drink the cup my FATHER has given me to drink?")

■ **Verse 12** "for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

- [12] He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."
 - Complete trust in God... trusting that God could even raise him from the dead because it was God who promised him his decedents, Name, & blessing of all nations! (*Hebrews 11:19 "He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence he did receive him back and this was a symbol."*)
 - Adam didn't trust in the resurrection & chose to save his skin, rather than his soul.
 - Jesus did trust in the resurrection and forsook his skin and saved our souls! (*St. Mark 10:33&34 " [33] saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; [34] and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise."*)

■ **Verse 13 Behold a ram caught in thicket by his horns!**

- [13] And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.
 - Abraham saw my day & was glad Jesus said! (*St. John 8:56-58 "[56] Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad." [57] The Jews then said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" [58] Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."*)
 - The ram is a prototype of Jesus with the crown of thorns & nailed to the tree! (*St. John 1:29 "Behold*

the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" OR Rev. 5:6 - Lamb Standing as if slain)

■ **Verse 16 God swears the oath by himself!**

- [16] and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son,
 - *because of Abraham's gift of faith to God, not withholding even his only son Isaac, God will be a "man" of his word and fulfill all the covenant promises he has made with Abraham.*
 - *It is when Jesus is lifted up, and draws all men to himself, that he is the perfect fulfillment of this verse... blessing ALL nations!*
 - *In Acts 2 we see how every nation under heaven is Gathed to the same mountain where they are brought together for the return of the Shekena Glory Cloud w/ the tongues of fire, and speaking in tongs.. the "Catholic", Universal, on the whole, ecclesee-ah/church of the lamb of God which God has provided is established forever!*

- **Notice this... The great Man of Faith... has doubts???**
 - God promised a son through Sarah
 - Sarah gives Abram Hagar
 - Circumcision is introduced!
 - All other Covenants with Abraham are Grants... this one comes with a "to-do" on Abraham's part.
 - Also comes with a Curse....
 - **Gen. 17: [14]** Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin **shall be cut off** from his people; he has broken my covenant."
 - Due to a famine he goes down to Egypt
 - Abraham tells the princes of Pharaoh that Sariai is his sister. Gen. 12:10
 - God threatens the Pharaoh & he gives back Sariai & much more.... they return to Mamre in Gen. 12:17-20
 - He makes a treaty with the Philistine King Abimelech at Beer-sheba
 - again after he lied about Sariai being only his sister in Gen.21:22

Questions:

- Have you stood apart from your peers? Like Noah who faced ridicule from the wicked or Abraham who set out, leaving all behind, in faith to remain true to God's calling for your life... have you had the courage to be "set apart" amongst a people "set against"?

- Notice these great men of faith have weaknesses.... Noah's drunkenness leads to rebellion and incest in his household... Abraham's cowardice, mistrust of God's word & sexual misconduct leads to chaos in the family and rivalry amongst his descendants even to this day. How do you guard those closest from such sins?