**Psalter:** 268:1,2 - 334:1,2 - 389:1,2,3 - 20:2 - 151:2,6 - 426:1,3,5

**Scripture**: Genesis 22:1-19, Hebrews 11:17-19.

**THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM**

1. **A tried faith**

* God tries the faith of His children so that they learn to trust in Him.
* Abram’s faith in God’s promise has been tested several times (cf. Gen. 15:1-2; 16:1-4; 17:18).
* When Abraham is 100 years old he receives the fulfilment of the promise.
* Abraham is again tried in his faith (Gen. 22:1-2).
* The voice of the Lord can be very painful to a believer’s soul.
* God asks Abraham to sacrifice the son of the promise.

1. **An active faith**

* Note Abraham’s response: Immediate obedience.
* Compare this journey with that when he was first called.
* After 3 days he leaves the servants behind and travels further with Isaac.
* Contrast the knowledge Abraham had with that of Isaac.
* Observe in Abraham’s answer to Isaac what has gone on in his heart (cf. Heb. 11:17-19).
* Is also evidenced by what he said to his servants (v5).

1. **A confirmed faith**

* Note there can be much difference between believers in their spiritual life.
* Isaac submits the Lord’s demand.
* Abraham showed in his deeds that God had the highest place in his life.
* Abraham’s faith may go over into *beholding* (v13).
* God has provided a substitute for Isaac.
* The ram is a precious picture of the Lord Jesus, the great Substitute given of God.