

# The Lord Will Provide

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- I. **God's good intentions toward you**
  - A. An example from the Old Testament (Jeremiah 29:11)
  - B. An example from the New Testament (Romans 8:31-32)
  
- II. **The great plans God had for Abraham (Genesis 12:1-4; 13:14-18)**
  - A. Abraham made his great jump into the mighty plans of God when he was 75 years old.
  - B. Then things were painfully delayed. Abraham had Ishmael through Hagar when he was 86 years old. He didn't have the child of promise until he was 100 (Genesis 17:1-8, 15-21).
    1. God loves to declare things before He does them. He renames Abraham and Sarah (and us) according their callings (Genesis 17:5, 15-16).
    2. A revelation of the great grace of God (Genesis 17:17-20)
  - C. "Is anything too hard for the Lord" (Genesis 18:9-15)?
  
- III. **"Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).**
  - A. This implies relationship with us. Abraham became God's friend (James 2:23; Isaiah 41:8-10).
  - B. It also implies a journey, not just a frame of mind. The Christian life consists of many journeys into the unknown (Hebrews 11:8-9; Romans 1:17).
  - C. God allows our faith to be tested (Genesis 22:1-14).
    1. Repeated tests grew Abraham's faith (Hebrews 11:17-19).
    2. Through repeated tests we learn to declare, "The Lord will provide" (Genesis 22:14).
    3. God's promise to Abraham is a picture of what God accomplished through Jesus (descendant of Abraham)—only God let His Son be killed (Genesis 22:15-18).

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