

The Test Is Not For God!

Abraham's faith was proved by a completed cycle of **ten trials**: -

- His departure from Haran.
- His flight to Egypt from the famine.
- In the seizure of Sarah.
- In his war to rescue Lot.
- In his taking Hagar.
- In his circumcision.
- In the second seizure of Sarah at Gerar.
- In the expulsion of Ishmael.
- In the expulsion of Hagar.
- In the offering of Isaac

Test is given not to inform God but to show the student his or hers strength or weakness.

1. He left not knowing where he went - took Lot
2. Flight to Egypt- Told to go to Cannan
3. Feared for life and surrendered to fear
4. trust God for protection and refuses the reward from the world
5. Hagar-- I can get this done myself and forfill Gods promise
6. Circumcision.... complete obedience 90/ 13
7. Pharaoh / Abemilech

8. Ishmael -- his son must leave home

9. Hagar -- the mother of his son

10. Isaac -- 22-12 for now I know and now you know -
reverence God in your decisions

1 Peter 1

God ask us to go beyond Abraham

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

² Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, **unto obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a **lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, (**it is written in heaven and includes heaven**)

⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ Wherein ye **greatly rejoice**, though now **for a season**, if need be, ye are in heaviness through **manifold temptations**:

⁷ That the **trial of your faith**, (you are seed of Abraham) being much more precious than of gold that perished, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: (The test brings the glory)

⁸ Whom having not seen, (Abraham saw God) ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, (that you fear God and reverence him in your decisions) even (also) the salvation of your souls.