

men to remain where they were, while he and his son went forward to worship. They, therefore, went on together, Isaac carrying the wood, and Abraham himself taking the fire and a knife. And now the faith of Abraham, if any thing could have shaken it, must have yielded to the voice of nature. Isaac, little suspecting that he himself was to be the victim, said to Abraham, "My father, behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?" "My son," was Abraham's only reply, "God will provide himself a Lamb for a burnt-offering."

Having come to the place which God had pointed out, Abraham built an altar, upon which he laid the wood in order. He then bound Isaac, and laid him on the altar, and took the knife, and stretched forth his hand to slay his son. But his faith had been sufficiently tried; and the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, "Abraham! Abraham! Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing to him; for now I know that thou fearest God; seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and saw a ram caught in a thicket by the horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering, instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place *Jehovah-jireh*, that is, the Lord will provide.