A Family's Test

I. A Test Put Forth (1-8)

Abraham applies *faith* to an unthinkable test!

II. A Test Passed (9-14)

God looks for *faith* in His *provision*, expressed by *obedience* to His *prerogative*.

III. A Test's Product (15-19)

Abraham is *rewarded*.

I must be careful not to put my *children* above my *Lord*!

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Have you witnessed children "running the home"? What was happening? Why would parents conduct their home this way?

2. In Deuteronomy 4:39-40 God is making sure the people understand who is above all else, and that it should be communicated to the children.

How might parents unintentionally get this upside down?

3. Read Exodus 20:3-7. Three of the 10 commandments are given here. What are they? Give examples of what might be modern-day gods, idols, and vain uses of God's name.

Are you fully keeping these commandments? Which present you the greatest challenge and why?

4. Read Colossians 1:15-20. How is Jesus described in these verses? What "place" is Jesus to have in verse 18, and in what things?

Does Jesus have this "place" in your life? Does He not have it? Give examples.

5. In 1 Peter 3:13-18 Peter tells his readers how to respond when suffering for being a Christ follower. What "place" does he urge his readers to give Jesus in their hearts? (verse 15). Does Jesus have this place in your heart?

What are some of the ways of thinking and acting that Peter gives his readers? What are some of the ways you think and act that reflect that Jesus is Lord of your life?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?