

# The Friend of God

by Charles E. Cowman

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of proven faith in our relationship with God, where we can trust Him to the uttermost and receive His blessing.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 18:22, Genesis 22:2, 2 Corinthians 1:20, Galatians 3:9, Hebrews 11:17

**Topics:** "Faith And Trust", "Godly Friendship"

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## Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches about the profound friendship and faith of Abraham, emphasizing how he pleaded with God for others and grew in faith step by step. The sermon highlights that those whose faith has been tested and proven victorious will face supreme tests, like Abraham being asked to sacrifice his beloved son. The message underscores the importance of unwavering faith in God's faithfulness, using Abraham as an example of trusting God to the uttermost. Through Abraham's story, it is shown that those who demonstrate unfaltering faith will be blessed and become a blessing to others.

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## Transcript

"Abraham stood yet before the Lord" (Gen. 18:22).

The friend of God can plead with Him for others. Perhaps Abraham's height of faith and friendship seems beyond our little possibilities. Do not be discouraged, Abraham grew; so may we. He went step by step, not by great leaps.

The man whose faith has been deeply tested and who has come off victorious, is the man to whom supreme tests must come.

The finest jewels are most carefully cut and polished; the hottest fires try the most precious metal. Abraham would never have been called the Father of the Faithful if he had not been proved to the uttermost. Read Genesis, twenty-second chapter:

"Take thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest." See him going with a chastened, wistful, yet humbly obedient heart up Moriah's height, with the idol of his heart beside him about to be sacrificed at the command of God whom he had faithfully loved and served!

What a rebuke to our questionings of God's dealings with us! Away with all doubting explanations of this stupendous scene! It was an object lesson for the ages. Angels were looking.

Shall this man's faith stand forever for the strength and help of all God's people? Shall it be known through him that unfaltering faith will always prove the faithfulness of God?

Yes; and when faith has borne victoriously its uttermost test, the angel of the Lord--who? The Lord Jesus, Jehovah, He in whom "all the promises of God are yea and amen"--spoke to him, saying, "Now I know that thou fearest God." Thou hast trusted me to the uttermost. I will also trust thee; thou shalt ever be My friend, and I will bless thee, and make thee a blessing.

It is always so, and always will be. "They that are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." --Selected

It is no small thing to be on terms of friendship with God.

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