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Avraham was tested again and again,
Hashem said, "PLEASE take your son," when it came to test number ten,
Because there was something unique about the tenth test,
That would prove the greatness of all the rest.

For sacrifice, Judaism doesn't have a monopoly,
People have given up their lives throughout history,
But when sacrificing for a great cause, there is something to gain,
A hero the person will forever remain.

In the past, challenges Avraham faced,
But he knew that he made the world a better place,
This test was different because no one could claim,
That there was something in it for Avraham to gain.

Hashem made a promise to Avraham,
From Yitzchok, the Jewish people would come,
Yet, Hashem asked him to bring up his son,
Questions, Avraham asked none.

Avraham's life was dedicated to spreading G-dliness everywhere,
His life investment would end, if he sacrificed his son so dear,
There would be no witnesses or news reporters to see,
No point made, no heroic story and no change in history.

The tenth test was the ultimate sacrifice,
To give up his identity for Hashem, he didn't think twice,
Overcoming the test of the Akeidah showed that the other tests too,
Weren't motivated by logic but rather by a total commitment to Hakadosh Baruch Hu!

Avraham opened the pipeline of Mesiras Nefesh and gave every Jew the power,
To have true Mesiras Nefesh in every situation at every hour,
Even if a Jew sacrifices himself for what seems like a logical reason,
In truth, to give himself over entirely to Hashem is his true will and motivation.

To make our natural inclination submit to the service of Hashem is the way,
For how to have Mesiras Nefesh today,
When we work hard to conquer our personal desires, our sacrifices are clear,
To Avraham Avinu leading us to the Akeidah, they do compare!
