

L13: Galatians 4:21-31: We Are the Children of Promise

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Paul's Past with Galatians (at the first)
- Travail in birth again until Christ be formed in them

Sermon Preview:

- Allegory

Sermon:

(Galatians 4:21) Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

- **"Tell me"** - teach Paul
- **"ye that desire to be under the law"** - this is their desire to be back under the law
 - Gal. 4:9 - "desire again to be in bondage"
- **"do ye not hear the law?"**
 - Gal. 3:25 - "schoolmaster"
 - Gal. 4:2 - "tutors and governors"
 - Rom. 3:30 - "knowledge of sin"

(Galatians 4:22) For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

- God established something before the law (same principle as Galatians 3:16-26)
- **"for it is written"**
 - Gen. 16:4-5
 - Gen. 21:2-3
 - **"that Abraham had two sons"**
 - Ishmael
 - Isaac
 - **"the one by a bondmaid"** - Hagar (slave, servant)
 - **"the other by a freewoman"** - Sarah (not a slave, wife)

(Galatians 4:23) But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

- **"but"** - adverse conjunction
- **"he who was of the bondwoman"** - Ishmael
 - "was born after the flesh" - in the doing, wisdom, strength of Abraham and Sarah, Hagar
- **"but he of the freewoman"** - Isaac
 - **"was by promise"** - God's doing, wisdom, and strength according to His Word

(Galatians 4:24-25) Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

- **"which things"**
 - Abraham + Hagar = Ishmael (flesh and bondage)
 - Abraham + Sarah = Isaac (Spirit/promise and free)
- **"are an allegory"**
 - **"allegory"** - a figurative sentence of discourse, in which the principal subject is described by another subject resembling it in its properties and circumstances. The principal subject is thus kept out of view, and we are left to collect the intentions of the writer or speaker, by the resemblance of the secondary to the primary subject.
 - Matters that go beyond the physical - God has attached great spiritual significance to the physical counterparts
 - Being a "child of God" or not attached to the two Jerusalems designations of them being "mothers" that give birth to two kinds of children
 - Isa. 50-54 Overview
- **"for these are the two covenants"**
 - **"the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar"**
 - Hagar/Ishmael/flesh/bondage - Old Testament (children after the flesh)
 - **"gender"** - kind, sort, (sex - male or female) (generation - flesh or Spirit), beget
 - John 3 - Nicodemus - two issues (individual and nation)

- **"For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is"**
 - Allegory started with Hagar, the Old Testament was given, and presently filled Jerusalem
 - **"answereth"** - corresponds - Jews religion (Paul's mother)
 - Paul separated from to reveal Christ
- **"and is in bondage with her children."**
 - Born in bondage and presently in bondage

(Galatians 4:26) But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

- **"But Jerusalem which is above is free"**
 - Sarah/Isaac/Spirit-promise/free - New Testament (children of the promise)
 - Jerusalem which is above is free and brings forth free children like Sarah
- **"which is the mother of us all."**
 - All believers, all those justified by faith throughout all time find there allegorical mother in the Jerusalem above in the courtroom of God that only has, is, and ever will justify and bring forth children, that is, beget children by His Spirit, not after the flesh for it is inconsistent with Himself.
 - The New Testament, grace is the mother of us all and has begotten us, has regenerated us.

(Galatians 4:27) For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

- Isa. 54:1 - more children after the flesh

(Galatians 4:28) Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

- **"Now we"** - in his argument, his thought of how "we fit in"
- **"brethren"** - those justified
- **"as Isaac was, are the children of promise."**
 - We are the children of promise - not by physical birth of Sarah, but by God's strength to bring to pass what we cannot.

(Galatians 4:29) But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

- **"But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit"**
 - Gen. 21:9
- **"even so it is now."**
 - This is what's happening to the Galatians and Paul

(Galatians 4:30) Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

- **"Nevertheless what saith the scripture" - Genesis 21:10**
 - **"Cast out the bondwoman and her son"**
 - **"for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."**
 - Justification, Sanctification, Glorification

(Galatians 4:31) So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

- **"So then, brethren" - conclusion**
- **"we are not children of the bondwoman"**
 - The law, bondage - no fruit
- **"but of the free"**
 - The new testament, grace - fruit

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize

- Know of which family you are and who's son and daughter you are to be able to start functioning within the family according to the father and mother - honouring the father and mother and obeying parents.