

TWO SONS

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GALATIANS 4:21–31 NASB95

Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. ²³ But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise.

DEFINITION | ALLEGORY:

An allegory is a figure of speech that uses words with a literal meaning to convey hidden truths. The word "allegory" comes from the Greek words *ἄλλος*, meaning "other", and *ἀγορεύειν*, meaning "to speak".

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²⁴ This is allegorically speaking, for these *women* are two covenants: one *proceeding* from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. ²⁵ Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

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²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written, "REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR; BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR; FOR MORE NUMEROUS ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND."

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²⁸ And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, so it is now also.

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³⁰ But what does the Scripture say?

"CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND

HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THE
BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR
WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN."

³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children
of a bondwoman, but of the free woman.

GALATIANS 5:1 NASB95

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

1 PETER 2:16 NASB95

Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God.

ECCLESIASTES 12:11-14 NASB95

The words of wise men are like goads,
and masters of these collections are like
well-driven nails; they are given by one
Shepherd.

ECCLESIASTES 12:11-14 NASB95

¹² But beyond this, my son, be warned:
the writing of many books is endless,
and excessive devotion to books is
wearying to the body.

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¹³ The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. ¹⁴ For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.