

(My apologies, I wasn't very clear & was flustered at end of Galatians lesson).

On 4:24-25 Part 3 |

1. To not trust God and be of the flesh is to be condemned in the flesh.

a. To be a descendent of Hagar

i. Genesis 16:9–12 Then the angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority.”¹⁰ Moreover, the angel of the Lord said to her, “I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.”¹¹ The angel of the Lord said to her further, “Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has given heed to your affliction.¹² **“He will be a wild donkey of a man, His hand *will be* against everyone, And everyone’s hand *will be* against him;** And he will live to the east of all his brothers.”

b. To be Mount Sinai

i. Hebrews 12:18–24 (NASB95)

ii. ¹⁸ **For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,** ¹⁹ **and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which *sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them.*** ²⁰ **For they could not bear the command, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned.”** ²¹ **And so terrible was the sight, *that Moses said, “I am full of fear and trembling.”*** ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

c. To be present / earthly Jerusalem

i. Zechariah 14:1–2 (NASB95) ¹ Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. ² **For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled,** but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

d. **The Summary point : By seeking to succeed in the flesh** you can be a spiritual condemned, as all the elemental things of the flesh will be condemned. In the spiritual contrast, the side of condemnation all correspond to each other.

i. Hagar vs Sarah

ii. Mt. Sinai vs Mt. Zion

iii. Earthly Jerusalem vs Heavenly Jerusalem

2. HERMENEUTICS POINT :

- a. **What is an allegory?**
 - i. Literary device used to make a point more clear. i.e. parable, analogy, an illustration, examples, metaphors etc...
 - ii. Allegory does not always mean, that a fake story is used or something of fantasy. Here Paul is using a real history as an illustration.
- b. Can we do what Paul is doing & draw lines from one point of reference to another? NO.
 - i. **NO Allegories but the one that Bible gives.**
- c. Scripture gives you indication that a text is allegory. Here he says it explicitly. In other texts, it hints at allegory by using “**As** the dear, **Like** a lion, etc. Parable of the soils by Jesus is very clearly an allegory. Scripture interprets for us.
- d. **WARNING!** Dangerous & common place of bad theology to draw lines that the bible never drew. **DO NOT** try to find hidden meaning, amazing new correlations or references.
- e. **Read the plain & obvious!**
- f. **Grammatical-Historical interpretation of the Bible.** We take into account the normal use of language to deliver the author’s intended message.
- g. **Each passage demands its own exegesis & study.**
 - i. Trying to find a unifying structure, or developing a lens or system to easily join the truths of God typically results in misunderstanding. i.e. “God is essentially love.” Puts God in a box.