

A Story of Two Sons

Galatians 4:21-5:1

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Verse 21 – The fact that Paul refers to the Galatians as ‘*you who _____ to be under the law*’ indicates that they had not yet made a full commitment to the false teachings of works salvation that they had been exposed to.

Paul’s look into Genesis 16 and 17 can be logically broken down into three parts:

Gal. 4:22-23 – The _____ situation

Gal. 4:24-27 – The _____ interpretation

Gal. 4:28-5:1 – The _____ application

The **HISTORICAL** situation:

(see Genesis 16, 17, 21)

QUESTION: How can the passage of time affect our faith that God’s promises will be kept?

The **ALLEGORICAL** interpretation:

Sarah, Hagar, and their offspring are presented as an _____ of the two views of salvation that the Galatians must now choose from.

Two Mothers	
Hagar	Sarah
Two Sons	
Ishmael	Isaac
Two Covenants	
The covenant of works	The covenant of grace
Two Cities	
The present, physical Jerusalem	The Jerusalem which is above

Sarah comes to represent the true covenant path that God laid out for Abraham, Sarah, and Israel. This is a path that only God can make possible, it is a path that must be travelled by faith.

Hagar comes to represent the result of man defining his own path apart from God’s will. This path is indicative of man’s stubborn insistence on self-reliance to achieve a desired outcome.

The **PRACTICAL** Interpretation:

First – Identify and resist the urge to _____ the promises of God

Second – Do not _____ the magnificent promises of a glorious God for the temporal comfort of a man-made covenant that has no power to save you.

Third – _____ in the freedom you have to experience victory over sin thanks to the work that our Savior performed.
