

# **WE'RE DELIVERED FROM SLAVERY ONLY BY FAITH IN CHRIST**

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**SCRIPTURE : GAL 4:21-31**

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**BACKGROUND:HAGAR**

God promised Abraham a son but after 10 yrs of waiting Sarah decided to help God out and presented her maid Hagar to her husband so that he could father a child by her. God however viewed this substitution as a lack of faith.

When Hagar became pregnant she mocked her mistress who in turn dealt with her harshly. Fleeing into the wilderness she encountered an angel of the Lord. The messenger revealed that she would bear Ishmael the father of a great nation even though he was not the promised son.

Hagar returned to Abraham's camp and bore Ishmael. When he was 14 Sarah gave birth to Isaac the promised son. Later at the festival of Isaac's weaning Ishmael mocked Isaac. Sarah insisted that Hagar and her son be expelled from the camp.

God however took care of them as they wandered in the wilderness. Ishmael had 12 sons who had many descendents who lived as nomads in the deserts of Northern Arabia

## **I. TWO ALTERNATIVES- LAW /GRACE**

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.

**What is it that you desire? What are your advantages of being under the law relating to God? *Is it that you feel you always have an outward certainty that you have kept a list of rules? Do you feel it allows you bragging rights making you better than others at obeying the rules? Or maybe you think you can take credit for your own salvation, because you earned it by***

**keeping a list of rules.**

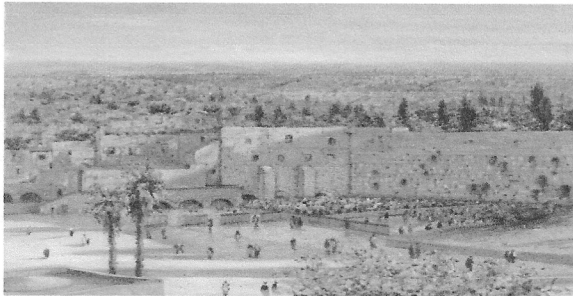
**Under the law the focus is on our performance but under grace the focus is on who Jesus is and what He has done!**

## **II. TWO ALTERNATIVES: FREEDOM – SLAVERY**

**<sup>23</sup> His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.**

**<sup>24</sup> These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother**

**The legalists Jews are still at it. They're protesting that the Galatians have no rights and that they are the only true children of Abraham and therefore blessed and highly favored. Paul admits that's true however but reminds them that Abraham had 2 sons.**



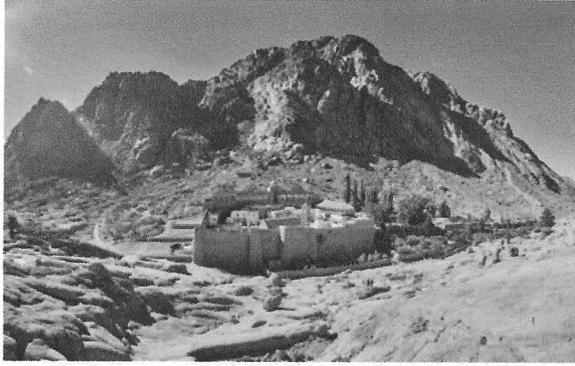
**JERUSALEM / MT ZION**

**ISAAC BORN OF THE FREE WOMAN BY THE PROMISE**

**MANY MORE CHILDREN**

**WITHSTOOD PERSECUTION**

**INHERIING EVERYTHING**



## **MOUNT SINAI**

**BOND WOMAN BORN AFTER OF THE FLESH**

**ISHMAEL BONDAGE TO SLAVERY**

**DECENDENT OF ARABIA MANY CHILDREN**

**PERSECUTED ISAAC**

**INHERITED NOTHING**

**<sup>27</sup> For it is written: "Be glad, barren woman,**

**you who never bore a child;**

**shout for joy and cry aloud,**

**you who were never in labor;**

**because more are the children of the desolate woman**

**than of her who has a husband."<sup>[a]</sup>**

**SAY WHAT THE BARREN WOMAN WILL HAVE A GREATER NATION THAN THE FERTILE  
WOMAN**

**<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. <sup>30</sup> But what does Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son."<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>31</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.**

**VS 28 ; NOW WE BRETHERN ARE CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE**

**(EPEH 2:19, COL1:21-22 1PET 29-10)**

**CONCLUSION:**

**HATERS GONNA HATE BUT BE ENCOURAGED MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTERS FOR GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN US THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD. IF GOD BE FOR WHO CAN STAND AGAINST US. Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.**