

Sunday, September 17, 2017
The Son of the Slave Will Never Be the Heir
Genesis 16; Genesis 21:1–21; Galatians 4:21-5:12

- I. The Account of Hagar and Sarai
 - A. Hagar, Sarai’s Slave

 - B. Abram, Sarai’s Husband
 - 1. Abram Harkened to the Voice of His Wife 16:2; Genesis 3:17

 - 2. Abram Turns to the Efforts of His Flesh

 - 3. Abram Causes So Much Pain

 - C. The Angel of the Lord, Hagar’s Protector Gen. 16:10–13

- II. The Allegory of Hagar and Sarai
 - A. Warning: Law-Keeping for Merit Before God Is Disaster
 - 1. The Account of Abraham’s Two Sons Gal. 4:21–31 and 5:1

 - 2. The Allegory of Abraham’s Two Sons Gal. 4:24--25

 - 3. The Application of Abraham’s Two Sons for Us Gal. 4:30–5:1

 - B. Warning: Law-Keeping for Merit Before God Is Desertion Gal. 5:2–12

Quotes

“There is no such thing as performance-based Christianity. Having begun by faith, we must continue by faith. Justification is a doctrine for the whole Christian life from start to finish. It is not simply a doctrine for coming to Christ in the first place, although we are justified the moment we trust in Christ. . . . Justification is a doctrine to live by each and every moment.”

Ryken

“The Law and the Gospel cannot co-exist; the Law must disappear before the Gospel. It is scarcely possible to estimate the strength of conviction and depth of prophetic insight which this declaration implies.”

Lightfoot

“The simple truth is that if law is conceived of as contributing in the least degree towards our acceptance with God and our justification by him, then the gospel of grace is a nullity. And the issue is so sharply and incisively drawn that, if we rely in any respect upon compliance with law for our acceptance with God, then Christ will profit us nothing.”

John Murray

“We cannot have it both ways. Justification is either by law or by grace, either by works or by faith. Either we can rely on observing the law, or we can trust Christ alone to bear its curse on our behalf. But we cannot do both. With Christ, it is all or nothing. To receive him by faith is to admit that we cannot save ourselves at all. As the Puritan William Perkins said, ‘He must be a perfect Savior, or no Savior.’”

Ryken

"If the sinner cannot be trusted with the gospel, can he be trusted with the Law? If he cannot be trusted with grace, can he be trusted with righteousness? He cannot be trusted with an immediate pardon; can he be trusted with a tardy one? He cannot be trusted with faith, can he be trusted with doubt? He cannot be trusted with peace; can he be trusted with gloom and trouble? He cannot be trusted with assurance; can he be trusted with suspense, and will uncertainty do for him what certainty cannot? That which he can, after all, best be trusted with is the Gospel. He has abused it, he may abuse it, but he is less likely to abuse it than anything else. It appeals to deeper, stronger, and more numerous motives than all other things together."

Horatious Bonar