

# 3 Great Gifts

## Genesis Chapter 21

- Gen 21:1 **1) The Gift of a Son** vs 1-8 A Promise Realized  
Then the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had promised.
- Gen 21:2 So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.
- Since Chapter 12 Abraham was 75 years old Now 100 (25 years)
  - God waited for the appointed time / That appointed time is when it is only possible by God's hand so no man can get the glory
  - Which God Had Spoken/Promised – some of God's promises are conditional and depend upon something we must do. Other promises are unconditional and are not based on what we do but who He is.
- Gen 21:3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.
- Isaac = Laughter
- Gen 21:4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
- Gen 21:5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
- Gen 21:6 Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me."
- Gen 21:7 And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."
- Gen 21:8 The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. .
- God Keeps His Promises
    - **ROMANS 1** "Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called {as} an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which **He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son**, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about {the} obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;"
    - **ROMANS 4:20** "...with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, {He} who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.
    - **TITUS 1:2** "In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie, promised** before the world began;"
    - **HEBREWS 10:19** "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And [having] an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true hearts in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] **faithful that promised**;) )
    - **JAMES 1:12** "Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, **he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**
    - **1 JOHN 2:25** "And **this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life.**"

*Life is happening - Last scene Festive & Laughter This next scene Conflict & Distress*  
 Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

- *Ishmael is now about 14*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> child born in home. Attention diverted from him to a new born baby*
- *Galatians 4:22-31 Paul compares the Judiazers not as from Isaac but from Ishmael*

**GALATIANS 4:22-31** *For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. **But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise.** 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. Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. 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." And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. 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. 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.**" So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman.*

- *The Two cannot exist together, neither can a Christian live in both the flesh and the Spirit. One needs to be cast away!*

- Gen 21:10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac."
- Gen 21:11 The matter distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.
- Gen 21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for through Isaac your descendants shall be named.
- Gen 21:13 "And of the son of the maid I will make a nation also, because he is your descendant."
- Gen 21:14 So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave {them} to Hagar, putting {them} on her shoulder, and {gave her} the boy, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.
- *Responsiveness to the Lord "Early in the Morning"*
  - *Abraham develops this new pattern in his life. From here he will rise early every time in response to God.*
  - *Bread & Water given - must be by some instruction from God (No other provision)*  
 - *From a wealthy man Is this all that is provided? He knew that no matter what he gave them apart from God it will not be enough.*  
 - *What He (in the long run) gave them was a dependence and trust in God and God alone.*
- Gen 21:15 When the water in the skin was used up, she left the boy under one of the bushes.
- Gen 21:16 Then she went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away, for she said, "Do not let me see the boy die." And she sat opposite him, and lifted up her voice and wept.
- Gen 21:17 God heard the lad crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter with you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.
- *Hagar weeping out loud - But God hears the voice of the lad*



Gen 21:34 And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines for many days.

- 27 - 30 years
- PROVERBS 18:24 "A man [that hath] friends must shew himself friendly: and *there is a friend [that] sticketh closer than a brother.*"
- JOHN 15:15 "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but *I have called you friends*; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

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