

GALATIANS 12 (4:19-31)

“Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants...”

“Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.”
– Gal 4:24,28

1. “My little children”

This does not diminish our position in sonship/adoption.
Paul our father? 1 cor 4:14-15, 1 tim 1:2, titus 1:4

2. “do you not hear the law?” - Gal 4:21

- argument from the law which the Galatians desired to follow
- Bondmaid: Hagar, Ishmael born after the flesh - Gen 16:1-6
- Free woman: Sarai. Isaac born after the promise - Gen 21:1-7
- NOTICE: Hagar nor Sarah were under the Mosaic law covenant

3. “Which things are an allegory”- Gal 4:24

- allegory: the use of figurative language to gain understanding, not literal meaning

Examples of allegory: Isaiah 5:1-7; Hos 10:1, John 10:1-16; Rom 3:13, Rev 1:14-16

Examples of literal: Isaiah 9:6-7, Isa 66:15-20, 1 Thess 4:16, Col 1:16, Luke 12:33

Allegory of the covenants –

Hagar: Mt Sinai – the Mosaic covenant - the Old Covenant - bondage - Jer 31:32

Sarai: New Covenant - Covenant of promise - free (Eph 2:12, Deut 31,
Gen 15:17-21)

Free from the continual sacrifice of the old - Hebrews 9:13-17

4. “Mother of us all”

Definitions: - father: progenitor, creator, founder, he who begets
- mother: that from which something is made, the source

‘mother of all living’ - Gen 3:20- Eve, who is the father?

Sarai (Jerusalem which is above) is called the ‘mother of us all’ – we are children of promise!

Notice the difference between the promises given to us and to Israel prophetically
Sarai represents grace, whereas Abraham represents faith - Rom 4:19 - Isaiah 51:2

5. “as Isaac was, are the children of promise”

This promise is the same promise in Gal 3:14

Promise of the spirit, blessing of abraham, righteousness by faith, eternal life, titus 1:2,

Who is he born after the flesh? → he that is born of the bondwoman → which is the law at sinai

6. “children of the free”

- Since we are children of promise (Gal 3)...
- and the scripture says to cast out the bondwoman as not having inheritance
- THEN... we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free