

Are You Isaac or Ishmael? Galatians 4:21-31

The Old Testament account Paul references can be found in Genesis 16:1-18:15 and 21:1-21

When we try and “help” God keep His promises, we end up dealing with challenging long-term _____ (i.e. Ishmael).

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins... - Ephesians 2:1

...“There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. they have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one.” - Romans 3:10-12

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

V.24: The Symbolism of Ishmael and Isaac:

Ishmael: *The son of a slave woman, brought about by human effort (i.e. a work of the flesh), illegitimate, no sonship/inheritance, representative of the Law*

Isaac: *The son of a free woman, brought about by God miraculously keeping His promise (i.e. a work of the Spirit), legitimate, full sonship/inheritance, representative of the Gospel of grace*

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. - Hebrews 11:9-11

For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest... - Hebrews 12:18

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem... - Hebrews 12:22

The Gospel is not based on _____. It is based on _____.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord! - Psalm 27:14