

Hagar and Sarah - Lesson Eight

Galatians 4:12-5:1, Genesis 16:1-16, Matthew 23:29-39

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PREPARE

- Read Genesis 16:1-16
- Read Matthew 23:29-39
- Read Galatians 4:12-31

QUESTIONS

1. How does Paul describe his relationship with the Galatians? (Gal 4:12-20)
2. What physical problem did Paul have? (cf. Gal 6:11)
3. How does Paul describe the purpose of the legalist teachers?
4. How does Paul explain that Sarai and Hagar stand for the covenants of the freedom and the covenant of the law? (Gal 4:21-27)
5. How would Jewish legalists have felt about that comparison?
6. What actions should we take, based on the comparison between Hagar and Sarah? (Gal 4:28-31)
7. What do you think of the way in which Paul uses the Old Testament story here?

WORD STUDIES

- Gal 4:13- Illness <astheneian> cf. Mt 10:8
- Gal 4:14 - Trial <peirasmon> test, proof, cf Luke 4:13, 1 Pet 4:12
- Gal 4:17 - Zealous <zelousin>
 Alienate <ekkleisai>
- Gal 4:24 - Figuratively <allegoroumena>
 Represents <eisin>
- Gal 4:26 - That is above <de anoo> cf. John 8:23, 3:3,7,31
- Gal 4:30- Share in the inheritance <kleronoumesai>