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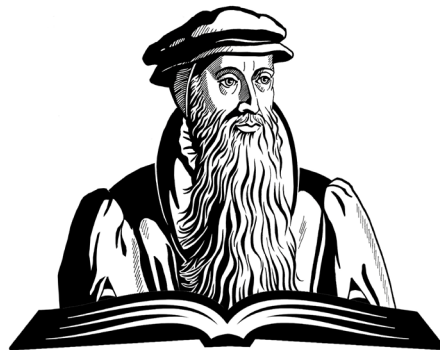
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Lesson 14

Two Sons

Genesis 16 throu Genesis 18:15

Memory Verse

“And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.”

Genesis 17:7

Abram’s Faithlessness

In the life of a Christian, faith is not always exercised. Faith wavers; it stumbles; it falls. Scripture is filled with examples of weakened faith. Consider Elijah and Peter. Did not Jesus admonish the disciples, when they wre on the tempest-tossed sea, with the words, “O ye of little faith?” (Matthew 8:26). Abram, in conceiving a son by the bondwoman, Hagar, also exhibited faithlessness.

In Genesis 15:4, God said to Abram, “He that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.” Abram and Sarai, because they were married, were as one. The promised heir should have been born of Sarai. However, as time passed, and it seemed that God would not fulfill his promise, Sarai devised her own plan, to which Abram consented. The plan was to have a child by one who was not Abram’s wife (his flesh), Sarai’s maid, Hagar. In so doing, they did not rely upon the promises of God.

God’s Faithfulness

Wonder of wonders, what is God’s reaction to the faithlessness of his child Abram? Will God cast him off? Will God be unfaithful to Abram’s unfaithfulness? What did the psalmist say, who asked the question, “Hath God forgoitten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies” (Psalm 77:9)? What was his conclusion? “I said, This is my infirmity” (Psalm 77:10). Why would God be faithful to Abram when Abram did not hold fast to the promise of God? First, because God is a covenant-keeping God. Second, because the ground of God’s faithfulness is in God.

The Meaning of the Two Sons

In Galatians chapter 4, Paul uses the story of the birth of Ishmael and Isaac as an allegory. When Abram went to Hagar to conceive a child, he was turning back from the promise of God.

He was trying to achieve the goal through his own strength. Paul tells us that this relates to the covenant of works. Isaac, however, came from the power of God. Remember Sarai was past childbearing, and Abram was a hundred years old. Two people too old to have children. The fact that Abram produced an heir through Sarai was by grace alone. Paul tells us this relates to the covenant of grace. To seek God through the works of the flesh is an impossibility. A person who does so will always be a slave. To seek God “through faith” (Ephesians 2:8), is to be free.

Review Questions

Genesis 16

1. The name of Sarai’s handmaid, whom she gave to Abram, was _____.

- a) Abigail
- b) Hagar
- c) Judith
- d) Keturah

2. “And _____ said unto Abram, My _____ be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy _____; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was _____ in her eyes: the _____ judge between me and thee.”

3. When the angel of the LORD met Hagar by the fountain of water on the way to Shur, he said all of the following to her, except:

- a) Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.
- b) I will multiply thy seed exceedingly.
- c) Thou shalt bear a son, and he will be a wild man.
- d) Know of a surety that Abram will love thee more than Sarai.

4. The name of the place where the angel of the LORD appeared unto Hagar was _____. The name means _____.

Genesis 17

5. “And _____ will establish my _____ between me and thee and thy _____ after thee in their _____ for an _____ covenant, to be a _____ unto _____, and to thy _____ after thee.”

6. After God made a covenant with Abram, he gave Abram a sign, which was to show God's faithfulness to his promise. Which of the following was the sign:

- 1) Baptism
- b) Sacrifice of a lamb
- c) The release of a dove
- d) Circumcision

7. Who was to be circumcised?

Genesis 18

8. Why did Sarah laugh when she heard that she would have a child?

9. "Is any thing too _____ for the _____? At the time _____ I will _____ unto thee, according to the time of life, and _____ shall have a son."

10. After revealing to Abraham that he would have a son by Sarah, where did the LORD say that he would go? Why?

Discussion Questions

1. After Abram rescued Lot, in Genesis 14, Abram expressed concern to the Lord that Eliezer of Damascus, a servant, would be his heir. God said to Abram that Eliezer would not be his heir, but one that should “come forth out of thine own bowels” shall be his heir (Genesis 15:4). Looking at the words in Genesis 2:24, “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh,” explain how Abram was not only unfaithful to Sarai, but also to God, when he conceived a child by Hagar.

2. Hagar fled from Abram’s tent because of the way she was treated by Sarai. In the wilderness, the angel of the LORD appeared to her. In this meeting, she was told that she would have a son and was to “call his name Ishmael,” (Genesis 16:11), which means “God hears.” At the conclusion of the meeting, the place was called Beer-lahai-roi, which means “a God that sees.” Explain why this meeting was an encouraging comfort for a distraught Hagar.

3. When the Lord appeared to Abram in Genesis 17:1, how was he told to walk before the Lord? Reflecting on God’s promise to provide an heir, and Abram’s actions with Hagar, explain how Abram had not been perfect. Explain why God still provided an heir to Abram despite his failings. Is such knowledge comforting? Explain.

How was Abram to walk? _____

How had he not been perfect? _____

Why God still provided despite Abram’s failings? _____

How is this comforting? Explain _____

4. What is meant by sovereign grace? Looking at Genesis 17:7, explain how it reveals sovereign grace?

Sovereign grace is _____

Genesis 17:7 _____

5. In Galatians 3:29, we read, “And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Who are Abraham’s seed? How is it possible for one who is not a descendant of Abraham by blood (a descendant) to be a child of Abraham?

6. Read Galatians 4:21–31. Paul uses the story of Abraham’s two sons as an allegory. What lesson is Paul teaching about these two sons?
