# Genesis 21

The Lord, The Everlasting God

#### Outline

V1-7 Sarah and the son of the promise

V8-13 Hagar and the son of the bondwoman

V14-21 The Promise to Hagar and Ishmael

V22-32 The Covenant between Abraham and Abimelech

V33-34 Abraham worships The Lord, The Everlasting God

#### Illustration from a Conflict

Sarah - Free Woman

Hagar - Bondwoman

Grace

Legalism - Works of the Law

### Illustration from a Conflict

Isaac - Son of Promise Ishmael - Son of the Bondwoman



Born of the Spirit

Born of the Flesh





Walk by The Spirit

Desire of the Flesh

## Galatians 4:30-31

**30** Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

## Abraham casts out Hagar and Ishmael...

Without hesitation

Without delay

Without making provision

With no prospect to return

#### **Observations**

V14-21 - A promise to Hagar and Ishmael

V14 Abraham sends Hagar and Ishmael away

V15-16 Hagar and Ishmael in distress

V17-21 God is the God who hears

V22-32 - The covenant between Abraham and Abimelech

V33-34 - The Lord, The Everlasting God





## Tamarisk Tree

## Spiritual Lessons

V14 - Cast out legalism and the flesh

V15-21 Gentiles are rescued through God's promise to Abraham

V22-32 The Everlasting God is faithful when we are wronged

V33-34 God is faithful because He is El Olam

## Applications - God receives glory for His faithfulness

- V14 Cast out the bondwoman and her son
- V15-21 God receives glory for His grace to all peoples
- When in need remember Hagar
- V22-32 God receives glory when we wait for His deliverance
- Believers are called to live peaceably with nonbelievers

### Applications - God receives glory for His faithfulness

V22-32 God receives glory when we wait for His deliverance

Believers should not compromise on justice for the sake of peace

Don't give non-believers reason for reproach

V33-34 God receives glory through our proper worship

What about the tree?

Do you know The Lord, The Eternal God?