

An Unusual Analogy

Galatians 4:21-31

(series #17)

Intro: the important issue of a literal hermeneutic
- the illustration of allegorizing: Acts 20:7-10; Matt. 28:2; Gen. 14; Acts 27:29

- OT prophecies fulfilled literally: Isa. 7:14; Micah 5:2; Zech 9:9; Ps 89:3-4; Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5-6; Isa 53

I. The OT Story Summarized vv. 21-23

- A. Abraham had two sons
- B. One by a bondwoman, one by a freewoman

II. The Analogy Set Forth vv. 24-29

- A. The Old Covenant represented by Hagar
- B. Those under that covenant are in bondage
- C. The heavenly Jerusalem is the mother of all who have placed faith in Jesus
- D. This reality is illustrated by Isaiah 54:1
- E. Believers in Jesus are like Isaac, not Ishmael
- F. The Judaizers, like Ishmael, ridiculed Paul

III. The Application to the Galatians vv. 30-31

- A. The bondwoman and her son were cast out
- Matthew 7:22-23
- B. Believers in Jesus are not of the bondwoman

Conclusion: We are not under the OT law