

An Allegory

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Gray

Introduction

1. Galatians 4:21-31
2. What is an allegory
 1. Webster - "The expression by means of symbolic fictional figures and actions of truths or generalizations about human conduct or experience."
 2. Dungan "The distinction in scriptures between a parable and allegory is said to be, that a parable is supposed history, an allegory is a figurative application or real facts."
3. Why use this figure of speech?
 1. The Jews were wanting to return to the Old Law
 2. False teachers were leading the way of this return]
 3. He wanted those of Galatians to remember when Abraham was justified, it was without the law!
 4. To show the true nature of the conformity to the law compared to the liberty of the Gospel.
 5. What is discussed in these verses?

II Discussion

1. Wife
 1. Hagar Genesis 16:3, 15
 2. Sarah Genesis 21:2
2. Sons
 1. Ishmael in bondage Genesis 16:15
 2. Issac freedom Genesis 18:10-14; 21:2
3. Laws
 1. Old is done away Colossians 2:14-16; Ephesians 2:14-16; Romans 7:4; Galatians 3:23-25; Given by Moses John 1:17
 2. New remains 2 Corinthians 3:6-11; given by Christ Romans 1:16
4. Birth
 1. Natural birth Galatians 4:23
 2. Spiritual birth John 3:3-5; Hebrews 11:17
5. Mountains
 1. Mount Sinai home of the Law of Moses
 2. Mount Zion home of the Gospel Isaiah 2:2
6. City
 1. Earthly Jerusalem as it was in Paul's day was under rule to Rome
 2. Heavenly Jerusalem as John saw in Revelation 21:2
7. State - bondage or freedom
 1. The Jews were in bondage to the Law
 2. Christians are free Galatians 3:10-12; Romans 3:27
8. Position Persecuted or not
 1. The Jew were doing the persecuting of the church
 2. The Christians were being persecuted Acts 8:4; 2 Timothy 3:12
9. Inheritance
 1. One cast out Genesis 21:10-12; Galatians 4:31
 2. Heirs of inheritance Genesis 18:10-14; Galatians 3:26-29

III Conclusion

1. Whose child are you? Hagar of Sarah, bod or free?
2. No man can serve two Masters
3. You must chose

Sources; Webster Dungan Hermeneutic; Old sermon preached 1991