

A GOOD TIME FOR GOODBYE

Genesis 21

And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform Rom 4:19-21

(vs.1-2)

Between the promise and the fulfillment there is a _____

that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises Heb 6:12

Abraham is the _____ of Faith, he is also the _____

(v.3) Isaac- *Yitschaq (yits-khawk'); laughter*

(v.9) Ishmael is probably around _____ years old at this time

And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. Gen 17:25

Abraham is called to say "Good bye"

to a _____

Saying "Good Bye" reveals Abraham's _____ (v. 13)

**Abraham has learned to let _____ be _____ in
the _____ of others**

Abraham has learned where God _____ God _____

Listen to me, you friends who think you have to obey the Jewish laws to be saved: Why don't you find out what those laws really mean? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave-wife and one from his freeborn wife. 23 There was nothing unusual about the birth of the slave-wife's baby. But the baby of the freeborn wife was born only after God had especially promised he would come. 24 Now this true story is an illustration of God's two ways of helping people. One way was by giving them his laws to obey. He did this on Mount Sinai, when he gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. Mount Sinai, by the way, is called "Mount Hagar" by the Arabs-and in my illustration, Abraham's slave-wife Hagar represents Jerusalem, the mother-city of the Jews, the center of that system of trying to please God by trying to obey the Commandments; and the Jews, who try to follow that system, are her slave children. 26 But our mother-city is the heavenly Jerusalem, and she is not a slave to Jewish laws. 27 That is what Isaiah meant when he prophesied, "Now you can rejoice, O childless woman; you can shout with joy though you never before had a child. For I am going to give you many children-more children than the slave-wife has." 28 You and I, dear brothers, are the children that God promised, just as Isaac was. 29 And so we who are born of the Holy Spirit are persecuted now by those who want us to keep the Jewish laws, just as Isaac, the child of promise, was persecuted by Ishmael, the slave-wife's son. 30 But the Scriptures say that God told Abraham to send away the slave-wife and her son, for the slave-wife's son could not inherit Abraham's home and lands along with the free woman's son. 31 Dear brothers, we are not slave children, obligated to the Jewish laws, but children of the free woman, acceptable to God because of our faith. Gal 4:21-31 TLB

Hagar represents the Old Testament Laws where being right with God was based upon _____

Sarah will represent _____

Abraham has to decide who he will _____

(v. 20) God's work in Ishmael

1st Daddy isn't there but _____ is

2nd God chooses to do His work in Ishmael in the _____

3rd The Result will be _____

4th Apparently Ishmael's _____ will be restored

Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him (Abraham) Gen 25:9