

# Send Away

*"Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as He said, and the Lord did for Sarah what He had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac weaned Abraham held a great feast.*

*But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him. "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the maidservant into a nation also, because he is your offspring."*

*Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the desert of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down nearby, about a bow shot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And she sat there nearby, she began to sob. God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt." (Genesis 21:1-21)*

When God had called Abraham to bless him and made of him a father of many nations, he was married to his wife Sarah whom she had born him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar, *"So she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarah said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarah his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. Then Sarah said to Abram, "You are responsible for the*

*wrong I am suffering. I put my servants in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me." (Genesis 16: 2-5)*

Now what Abraham and Sarah did, instead of waiting upon God to bless them with a child, they did something they decided about but not God. They did a wrong thing the Lord did not speak about it. What Abraham and Sarah did we called it, *'The work of the flesh.'* We do this work of the flesh which is of sinful nature because we think we can achieve things and have better life. But that is not true, finally the work of the flesh will harm us. We will reap destruction and that would cause us to loss eternal life that God had promised to those who believe in His Son Jesus Christ and follow His steps. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He died on the cross for our sins. He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who follow His steps in their lives and walk according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Abraham lived 17 years in adultery with his second wife Hagar. He and his wife Sarah they did not enjoy life, but they suffered much. There was no spiritual growth or progress in their lives. They did not have contentment; God was not enough for them. And this is the situation of many people, they have no patient and they would not wait upon God. Therefore you find them doing the wrong thing but they will reap the consequences of that. Abraham finally obeyed God, and for him to be upright and to walk with God, he had to endure the pain of sending away Hagar with his son Ishmael. The duty of Abraham was to keep Sarah and Isaac with him and to send the second wife and Ishmael away; God would take care of them, they are not Abraham's responsibility.

*"The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21)* You cannot keep God with you and are still continue in doing the above sinful acts. You will not enjoy any life at all if you still sinning, and there is no eternal life if you continue to live in sin.

*My dear and beloved:* Don't be in hurry. Wait for Him to bless you. God had a great calling and a great future for you. Be contented with Him. Obey Him; the sins you are doing is the time for you to stop that. Live a holy life, don't entertain the work of the flesh, honour Him with your body and your living as you agree to pray.

*My prayer:* Father God in heaven. I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to you to send away from my life sins and the work of the flesh. Lord I want to live for you and to honour you in my life. Thank you Lord for Your Word to me, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.