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The Allegorical Understanding of Freedom in Christ 对基督里的自由的寓言的理解

Galatians (part 10) 4:21-31 加拉太书（第十部分）4:21-31

Galatians 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? 22For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. 23But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, 24which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— 25for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— 26but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27For it is written: “Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband.” 28Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. 30Nevertheless 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.” 31So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. 加拉太书 4:21 你们这愿意在律法以下的人，请告诉我，你们岂没有听见律法吗？ 4:22 因为律法上记着，亚伯拉罕有两个儿子：一个是使女生的，一个是自主之妇人生的。 4:23 然而那使女所生的，是接着血气生的；那自主之妇人所生的，是凭着应许生的。 4:24 这都是比方，那两个妇人就是两约。一约是出于西奈山，生子为奴，乃是夏甲。 4:25 这夏甲二字是指着阿拉伯的西奈山，与现在的耶路撒冷同类，因耶路撒冷和她的儿女都是为奴的。 4:26 但那在上的耶路撒冷是自主的，她是我们的母。 4:27 因为经上记着：“不怀孕、不生养的，你要欢乐。未曾经过产难的，你要高声欢呼，因为没有丈夫的，比有丈夫的儿女更多。” 4:28 弟兄们，我们是凭着应许作儿女，如同以撒一样。 4:29 当时，那接着血气生的，逼迫了那接着圣灵生的，现在也是这样。 4:30 然而经上是怎么说的呢？是说：“把使女和她儿子赶出去，因为使女的儿子不可与自主妇人的儿子一同承受产业。” 4:31 弟兄们，这样看来，我们不是使女的儿女，乃是自主妇人的儿女了。

The story of Abraham and his wives – meanings that carry spiritual implications: 亚伯拉罕和他妻子们的故事-属灵层面上的启示

1. Hagar or Sarah? 夏甲还是撒拉

Contrast between: LAW and GRACE 对比：律法和恩典（加拉太书 4:21）

- (a) Slave and FREEWOMAN 奴隶和自主妇人（加拉太书 4:22）
- (b) Law and PROMISE 律法和应许（加拉太书 4:24）

2. Ishmael or Isaac? 以实玛利还是以撒（加拉太书 4:22, 29）

- (c) Conceived AFTER THE FLESH 接着血气生育
- (d) Conceived ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT 凭着圣灵生育

约翰福音 6:37 凡父所赐给我的人，必到我这里来；到我这里来的，我总不丢弃他。

希伯来书 13:5 你们存心不可贪爱钱财，要以自己所有的为足。因为主曾说：“我总不撇下你，也不丢弃你。”

约翰福音 16:33 我将这些事告诉你们，是要叫你们在我里面有平安。在世上你们有苦难，但你们可以放心，我已经胜了世界。”

约翰福音 10:28 我又赐给他们永生，他们永不灭亡，谁也不能从我手里把他们夺去。

约翰福音 11:26 凡活着信我的人必永远不死。你信这话吗？”

3. **OLD Jerusalem or HEAVENLY Jerusalem? 旧耶路撒冷还是属天的耶路撒冷**

(e) Earthly Jerusalem IN BONDAGE 地上的耶路撒冷是为奴的 (加拉太书 4:25)

(f) Heavenly Jerusalem WHICH IS FREE 属天的耶路撒冷是自主的 (加拉太书 4:26)

4. **Conclusion 总结**

(a) We, as believers, are the CHILDREN OF PROMISE 我们作为信徒，是应许之子 (加拉太书 4:28, 29, 31)

(b) CAST OUT the bondwoman 除去枷锁的自主妇人 (加拉太书 4:30)