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Sarai could not have
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Genesis 16:1-6

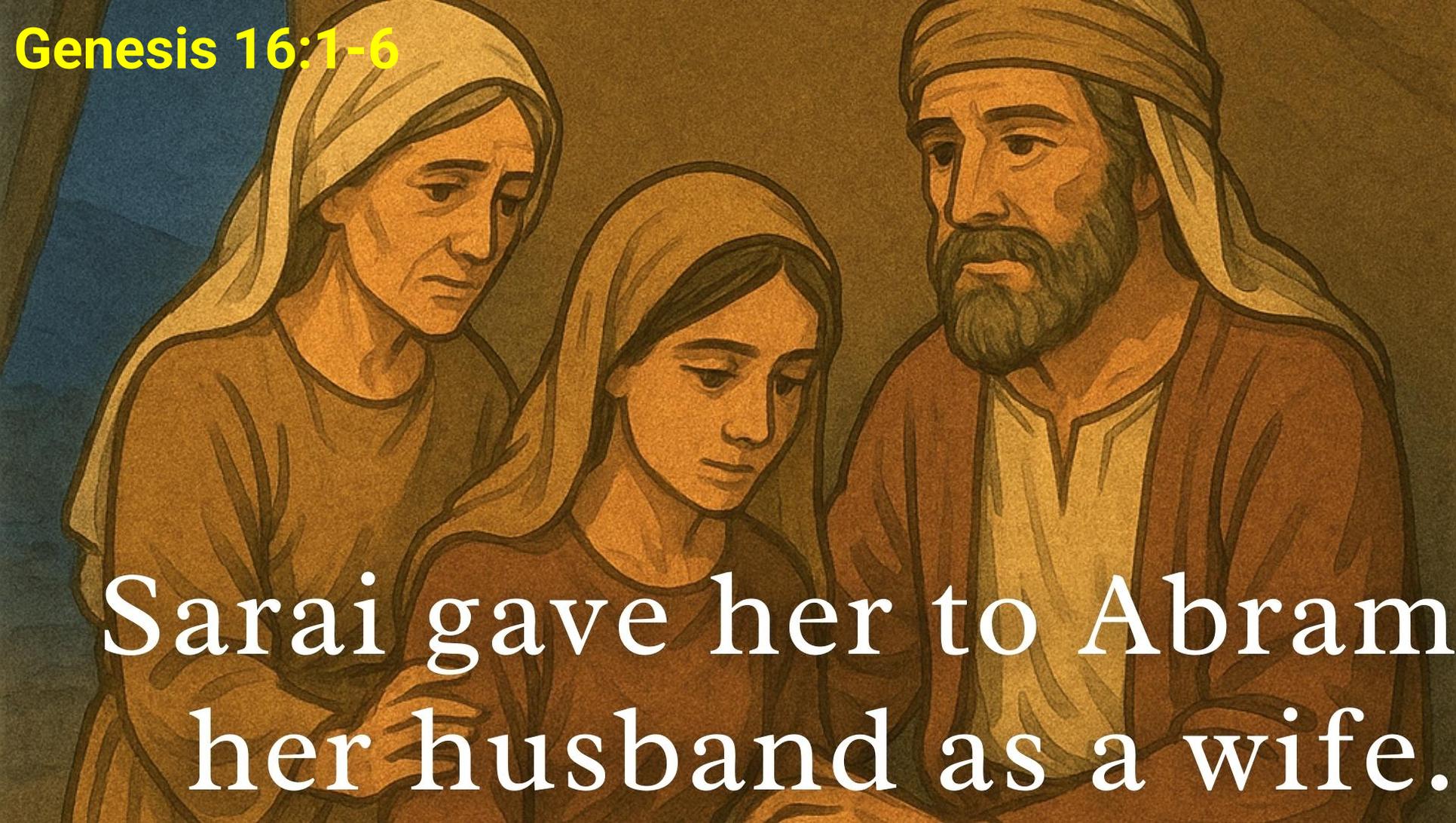


She had an Egyptian servant-Hagar

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An illustration depicting three figures in a somber setting. On the left, an older woman with a white head covering and a brown robe looks down with a sad expression. In the center, a younger woman with a brown head covering and a brown robe also looks down. On the right, a man with a beard and a brown head covering, wearing a brown robe, looks towards the women. The background is a dark, textured brown. The text 'Sarai gave her to Abram her husband as a wife.' is overlaid in white at the bottom.

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An illustration depicting two women, Hagar and Sarai, from the Bible. Hagar, on the left, is a younger woman with dark hair, wearing a brown tunic and a light-colored head covering. She has a serious, somewhat angry expression. Sarai, on the right, is an older woman with white hair, wearing a brown tunic and a light-colored head covering. She has a sad, downcast expression. The background is a dark, textured brown. The text "Hagar Conceived: Then Hagar Looked Down on Sarai" is overlaid in white at the bottom of the image.

Hagar Conceived: Then
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Genesis 16:1-6

Sarai Regretted Allowing Abram
& Hagar to Produce a Child

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An illustration in a monochromatic brown and tan style. In the foreground, a woman wearing a light-colored headscarf and a dark, long-sleeved robe is shown from the chest up. She has a sorrowful expression, with her eyes cast down and her hand resting on her chest. In the background, to the left, another woman in a similar headscarf and robe stands in a doorway, looking towards the viewer. The background is a simple, textured landscape with rolling hills.

**Sarai dealt harshly with Hagar.
Hagar Fled from Sarai.**

Genesis 21:9-12

Hagar Produced an Ishmael - *Wild Child*

Sarah Produced an Isaac - *The Promised Son*

Ishmael Was Mocking Isaac

Sarah Asked Abram To Let Them Both Go

God Told Abram To Listen to Sarah and
Had to Let Them Both Go

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(Church Age Book, Chapter 3: The Ephesian Church Age)

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Galatians 3 - Faith or Law?

Galatians 3:2-3 NLT

[2] Let me ask you this one question: **Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses?** Of course not! **You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.**

[3] How foolish can you be? **After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?**

Faith or Rules?

- **We all love the safety of rules.** They make us feel in control, and give measurable results.
- **But God calls us to something higher—living by faith.** That means letting go of control and trusting His voice. (Abraham)

Faith or Rules?

- Paul told the Galatians that **you can't inherit God's promises by clinging to old systems.**
- **One has to die so the other can live.** Rules feel safe, but **only faith leads to freedom.**

Galatians 3 In a Nutshell

Faith vs. Law (verses 1–9)

- Paul rebukes the Galatians for **turning back to works of the Law after receiving the Spirit through faith.**
- He points to Abraham, **who was counted righteous because of his faith**, showing that all who believe are Abraham's true children.

Galatians 3 In a Nutshell

The Law Brings a Curse (verses 10–14)

- **The Law demands perfect obedience; failure brings a curse.**
- **Christ redeemed believers from that curse by becoming a curse Himself on the cross.**
- **Through Him, the blessing promised to Abraham extends to the Gentiles, and believers receive the Spirit through faith.**

Galatians 3 In a Nutshell

The Priority of the Promise (verses 15–18)

- God's promise to Abraham came before the Law.
- The Law, which came 430 years later, does not cancel the promise.
- The inheritance of salvation is based on God's promise, not the Law.

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Purpose of the Law (verses 19–25)

- The Law was added to reveal sin and to act as a guardian until Christ came.
- Once faith in Christ arrived, the Law's role as guardian ended.

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Faith Unites All Believers (verses 26–29)

- Through faith in Christ, believers are God's children.
- In Christ, there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female—all are one.
- Those who belong to Christ are Abraham's seed and heirs of God's promise.

Nominal Christian: Natural Tendency Is For Rules & Law

- Just like children we needed the safety of rules at first.
- In the denominations we were living terribly, doing things wrong: (Pentecostal Babies)
- It was Bro. Branham's constant rebukes to the Pentecostal church in the early part of his ministry.

What People Made Out The Message To Be

- When You came into this Message The Cycle For Rules & Law Started Again (COD)
- The Old Fighters having come to a higher revelation of the Word, saw it necessary to put in place “Message Rules & Law”
- **So The Revival then became about the Rules** instead of about living your life by revelation and using the rules as wisdom & guidelines.

The Temptation To Turn To Law For Comfort Again

- Since our nature is to love rules & boundaries the more revelation we receive the more temptation to regulate those revelations:
- Revelation Should Give Us More Liberty In Christ
- Instead We Can Turn It Into Law **Because We Want Control.**

The Temptation To Turn To Law For Comfort Again

- Doing This Will Only Lead To Condemnation & Bondage and/or Pride. “We do it better...”
- It Stops The Flow Of Further Revelation
- It will Ultimately Lead To a Downfall (Death)
- We’ve Seen It In Many Ministries, Churches, Mission Field The Results of Turning Back To Law. (Galatians)

Switching Over From Carnal Life To Faith Life

- As you start growing in Christ and **His Faith increases in your life**, your Spiritual Vision is expanding.
- You are no longer “trying to help God out” & you are not constantly judging & condemning others.
- Now is no longer You Living, but Christ Living Through You. (Galatians 2:20)

Not Of The Bondwoman, But Of The Promise

Gen 16:1-6 & Gen 21:8-10

- Abram (The Father) - Represents Faith, Receives The Promise Of The Coming Son
- Sarai (Freewoman) - Represents The Bride, Gladly Accepts The Promise (The Message)
- Sarai Gets Impatient & Comes Up With a Plan.

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Gen 16:1-6 & Gen 21:8-10

- She Turns To Hagar (Egyptian Bondwoman Who Represents Rules, Law & Carnal Thinking) To Carry Out This Plan.
- Sarai Consults Abram & He Doesn't Stop Her (Perfect Will VS Permissive Will)
- Hagar Conceives - Rules & Law Only Give Temporary Results

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Gen 16:1-6 & Gen 21:8-10

- Hagar (Worldly Carnal Thinking) starts looking down (dominating) Sarai (Child of God - Bride)
- Sarai's Carnal Thinking then goes to blaming Abram (Faith) for carrying out the very plan that she hatched up. (Rules, Law, & Carnal Thinking Will Only Lead To Finger Pointing, Blaming Others, & Pride.)

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Gen 16:1-6 & Gen 21:8-10

- Abram (Father of Faith) Tells Sarai (Bride) to **Retake Her Position & Do What She Knows She's Supposed To Do** With Hagar (Her Carnal Nature).
- Sarai (by Faith) **Retakes her Position & Puts Hagar in her Place**. Then Hagar Flees. (Rules, Law, Carnal Thinking Don't Have a Stronghold Again).

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54 Here we are presented with a picture. Oh! The seed started, the seed of promise, started in a slightly doubted, doubt of the original promise. See how it starts low, in doubt in the original promise. God promised Abraham, through Sarah, to have this child. **But now watch, the first seed of Abraham by the bondswoman come by Sarah doubting that this could happen, because she was old and passed the age of bearing.**

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56 That's the same way sin begin in the garden of Eden. That's how death started by sin, was when one Word of God was misconstrued or doubted. **You can't doubt or misplace one Word of God, that's THUS SAITH THE LORD, 'cause Its every Word be so.**

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57 And here Sarah, even to who the promise (Sarah being a woman, which is a type of the church), gave doubt to the original program of God's promised Word, and said, "You, Abraham, my husband, take unto you this beautiful maid, and live with her, and be a husband to her. And God will give this seed of promise through her, and I'll take the child." **See, just bypassing one little iota, changed the whole program.**

Therefore, we've got to take every Word of God as THUS SAITH THE LORD. Every Word of God is true.

The Son of the Bondwoman - Ishmael

- Was Born After the Flesh - Egyptian Mother (Gal 4:23)
- Was to be Wildman (Gen 16:12)
- His hand against every man and every man's hand against him. (Gen 16:12)
- God blessed him, made him fruitful, multiplied him exceedingly; made him a great nation. (Gen 17:20)

The Son of the Bondwoman - Ishmael

- Received The Covenant Of Circumcision Before Isaac Did. (Gen 17:25-26)
- He Mocked Isaac (Son of the Freewoman - Gen 21:9)
- Sarah Demanded that He be Ousted Along with his Mother By Abraham (Gen 21:10)
- Ended Up Marrying an Egyptian (Type of the World) (Gen 21:21)

Cast Out The Bondwoman & Her Son

Genesis 21:8-10

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

9 And Sarah (Name Change) saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

Cast Out The Bondswoman & Her Son

95 Now looky back here at the promise God made to Abraham, of “thy Seed,” speaking spiritually. Any of us know that. He was speaking of Christ, not Isaac; through his faith Seed.

96 Notice, the first was by a bondswoman, didn't look anything like the promise. God don't have to take back His Word for nobody. God said how it would come, and that's the way it'll come.

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But, Sarah (Sarai), being a representative of the church, type of the church, it (she) found out there, that she said, “Well, I believe this is a little too phenomena. I just can’t even believe in that, so you go get Hagar and you take her for a wife.” See, there, that stalk didn’t look like the promise, at all.

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But when Sarah came forth, now, that looked pretty good. It looks a whole lot more like the promise there, but still it wasn't the genuine promise. Because, Israel, in Isaac, failed and denied the genuine Seed when It come on. Hallelujah! (Don't get excited; don't run. That won't hurt you.) **Denied the Seed, crucified Him, and hung Him on a cross!**

97 Just like Paul said here, "Did not the—the seed of the—of the freewoman...**or the bondswoman persecute the Seed of the freewoman?**"

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And so does the seed of the denomination persecute the genuine Grain. It's always got to be that way. They'll not be heirs together. They're not associated together. They're absolutely two different promises, two different times, two different peoples, altogether. One is the Bride, and the other one is a church. No comparison, at all, with them.

The Word Is The Separator

Galatians 4:28-31 NLT

[28] And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac.

[29] But you are now being persecuted by those who want you to keep the law, just as Ishmael, the child born by human effort, persecuted Isaac, the child born by the power of the Spirit.

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[30] But what do the Scriptures say about that? "Get rid of the slave and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not share the inheritance with the free woman's son."

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The Word Is The Separator

- So It's not just about casting out Hagar, but also casting out what Hagar produces - Carnal Denominational Thinking
- It's not just about casting out the carnal nature, but also what that carnal nature produces.

Gal 6:7-8

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

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55-0221 - "Christ"

36 Now, the people were the place in the courts, was a people like tonight. You come to the courts. **We're in our journey. And the preaching of the Word is the water of separation.** For God has took His church, and has washed it by the waters of separation to cleanse it for His own glory. **And the Word separates.**

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55-0221 - "Christ"

You know, **today the people are wanting mixtures in their church.** Some of the people make some of the awfulest choices for their pastors. They'll go out and choose a man, some great, big, six-footer, dressed like a Hollywood movie star, or something, that can stand up in the pulpit, and so forth, say, "A-a-men" real pretty, **because you want entertainment.**

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55-0221 - "Christ"

You look on the outside. Maybe some old brother come up with a pair of overalls on, know more about God than the man ever did know. That's right. That's right. See the choice? God looks on the heart.

The Word Is The Separator

63-1124E - "Three Kinds Of Believers

And, always separates these three classes of people, the Word separates these people. In every age it's been that way. Every age that ever has been, it's been that way, when God sent something on the scene and clearly identifies It, His Word.

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Matthew 24:45-51 - Faithful & Evil Servant

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

Matthew 24:45-51- Faithful & Evil Servant

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Matthew 24:45-51 - Faithful & Evil Servant

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



The Parable of the Ten Virgins Matthew 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

The Parable of the Ten Virgins Matthew 25:1-13

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

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7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

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10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

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13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

