

# God Keeps His Promises

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Purpose: to show (1) that God will always keep His promises, but will not do things the way we would do them, and (2) that we simply must trust him and commit ourselves to do whatever He tells us to do.

We have been looking at how God can take one man and make him a difference maker. In Genesis 21 we have a very important

God promised Abraham a son, and God delivered.

- Abraham bore him when he was 100 years old when Isaac was born
- Sarah was 90 when Isaac was born
- Isaac's name means laughter – reminding everyone of the circumstances that surrounded the birth of the boy.

A problem occurred as a result of their past:

- Abraham had two children:
  - One was born of the flesh –
    - Of ordinary normal means
    - Of a slave woman (Hagar)
  - One was born of the spirit –
    - By supernatural means
    - By a free woman (Sarah)
- At first glance, it seems as if a simple incident is taken much too far –
  - The son of the slave woman (Ishmael) is scoffing at the son of the free woman
  - The free woman (Sarah) tells Abraham to get rid of the bondwoman and her son
- As it turns out, the matter is much deeper than at first glance
  - The issue is about inheritance

Galatians 4:21-31

Conclusion - what can we learn from this?

1. God keeps His promises – remember his original promise to Abraham?
  - I will make you a great nation
  - I will bless you and make your name great
  - You shall be a blessing
  - I will bless those who bless you
  - I will curse him who curses you
  - In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed
  - This promise was to be through Isaac
2. God delivers His promises by supernatural means
3. Whatever He promises to us, He will keep

What has He promised you?