

Men & Women of the Bible: *Ishmael*

Lesson Fifteen: *Ishmael, The Son of the Bondwoman*

Lesson Text: Genesis 21:9-21

Lesson Aim: Learn important lessons for life from the experiences of Ishmael.

Memory Verse: Galatians 4:29

Lesson Readings

Genesis 16:1-17:1-27; 21:9-21; 25:5-18; 28:9; 36:1-5; Galatians 4:22-31

Fact Questions

1. Who is Ishmael? (Genesis 16:15) What does his name mean? (cf. Genesis 16:11)
2. What was the desire of Abraham for Ishmael? (Genesis 17:18)
3. Why did God reject Ishmael as Abraham's heir? (Genesis 17:19)
4. What did God promise concerning Ishmael? (Genesis 17:20) Did it come to pass?
5. What did Abraham do to Ishmael when he was thirteen years old? (Genesis 17:24-26)
6. What did Ishmael do to Isaac that caused Abraham to send him away? (cf. Genesis 21:9-13; Galatians 4:29; John 8:33-37; Acts 7:6).
7. What happened to Ishmael and his mother in the wilderness? (Genesis 21:14-19)
8. Whom did God hear in the wilderness? (Genesis 21:17)
9. When is the next time that Ishmael and Isaac are together? (Genesis 25:7-10)
10. How did Ishmael's life end? (Genesis 25:12-18)

Thought Questions

1. Stephen says that the seed of Abraham was treated evil by the Egyptians for four hundred years (Acts 7:6). When did this evil treatment begin?
2. In Galatians 4:29 of whom is Ishmael a type?
3. What was the power of Abraham's influence over Ishmael?
4. Research the history of Ishmael's descendants and tell of some event involving them.
5. What is the one great lesson in Ishmael's life for you?