

GALATIANS 4 vs 1

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As the House of Israel prepared for Assyrian captivity 700 years after having rejected the 10 commands, the Lord said: Though I wrote ten thousand, they are regarded as a strange thing -- Hosea 8; as the House of Judah prepared for Babylonian captivity, He allowed them onerous manmade traditions and said: So, I permitted them statues that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live -- Ezekiel 20.



But this is what Moses originally told the people of God... in order that they prosper and live long in the land they were to enter, first promised to Abraham.

¹ I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different than a servant, though he is owner of everything;

² but is under tutors and guardians until the time set by the father / until training is complete.

³ Even so we also, when we were children, we were in enslaved to the elementary principles of the world:

⁴ But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law / in the Jewish, Greek, Roman world, when the time was ready, there was one citizenship, one civil law, one commercial language, one roman peace, one transportation system, and one moral decline, so the good news of Jesus the Messiah could spread rapidly,

⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive adoption as sons.

⁶ And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father!

⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son,

then an heir of God through Christ.

⁸ In the past, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods / enslaved by demons.

⁹ But now, that you know God, or rather are known of God, how can you return to the weak and worthless elemental principles? Do you desire again to be in enslaved?

¹⁰ You observe days and months and times and years / various seasons – and here we understand by law, Paul is addressing the ceremonial, sacrificial law; which had little to do with the Covenant of 10 commands which He made with His people -- given in faith. Remember, there are still 3 workdays of the Lord on His Calendar: The day of trumpets, The day afflicting souls, and The day of Tents. Still shadows of things to come; as important as Passover , Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits and Pentecost.

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¹¹ I am afraid of you, that I have labored over you in vain.

¹² Brethren, I ask you, become as I am; for I have become as you are: you did me no wrong.

¹³ You know how through bodily infirmity that I preached the gospel to you at the first,

¹⁴ and though my condition was a trial to you, you did **not scorn nor rejected me; but received me as a messenger of God, even as Christ Jesus.**

¹⁵ What happened to your blessings? For I testify to you, that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

¹⁶ Have I become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? / Am I your enemy by dealing truthfully with you? In his Galatian Commentary, on this verse Martin Luther wrote: the Spirit is nowhere more present and alive than in His own sacred writings. We must let the Scriptures have the chief place and be its own truest, simplest and clearest interpreter. I want Scripture alone to rule, and not to be reinterpreted according to my spirit or that of any other man, but to be understood in its own light, and according to its own Spirit.

¹⁷ They zealously affect you, yes, but for no good purpose; they would keep you from us, so that you make much of them.

¹⁸ It is always good to be eagerly sought of for a good purpose, and **not only when I am present with you,**

¹⁹ my little children, with whom I again labor **until Christ is formed in you,**

²⁰ I desire to be present with you, and to change my tone; for I am perplexed about you.

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? / do you not listen to what the law says? Again, the ceremonial, sacrificial law drama.

²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons,

one by a slave-woman,

and one by a free-woman.

²³ But the son of the slave-woman was born according to the flesh while the son of the free-woman was born **through promise / it didn't take any faith to produce Ishmael; all it needed was Abraham to go in the tent with Hagar; but for 100 years, God gave Abraham many promises – including children as numerous as the sands of the sea -- when he had no children; promises indicating all the nations would be blessed through him; these promises tested Abraham's faithful resolve; as well as given for our instruction, to understand that when God speaks; He means what He says.**

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²⁴ Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants; one from the Mount Sinai, producing children for slavery; she is Hagar.

²⁵ Now Hagar is **Mount Sinai in Arabia**, and corresponds to the present Jerusalem and she is in slavery with her children / here Paul says, the present day Jerusalem – the hocus pocus devotees from religion central; no matter how quaint their pious performance seems; it is like going into a tent for a steamy 7-minute bleep job... with someone waiting on the corner.

²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is the mother of us all – the new Jerusalem, the Jerusalem of the Spirit – populated with the called, and chosen and faithful, from every nation.

²⁷ For it is written, Rejoice, O barren one who does **not** give birth; break forth and shout, you who are **not** in labor! For the children of the desolate are more than the one who has a husband.

²⁸ Now we brothers, like Isaac, are **children of promise**.

²⁹ But just as then, the one born according to the flesh persecuted the one who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now.

³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? Throw out the slave-woman and her son: for the son of the slave-woman will **not** joint-inherit with the son of the free-woman.

³¹ So brothers, we are **not** children of the slave-woman, **but of the free**.

Jesus said, do not think I came to destroy the law, not the smallest letter will pass away from the law, until all is fulfilled: whoever keeps and teaches these will be called great in the kingdom of God – Matthew 5.

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.

Moses was given 10 instructions, that help us know what our great God says is orderly in society. Only by faith in what Jesus the Messiah did for us, are we saved.

1. Do not have other gods before Me.
2. Do not make graven images or idols to bow down and worship.
3. Do not lightly use the name of the Lord your God.
4. Keep the Sabbath and keep it holy; 6 days you will work; the 7th day is to rest and remember the Lord.
5. Honor your father and mother
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not adulterate.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not falsely accuse your neighbor.
10. Do not covet your neighbor's wife; house, or cattle, workers, or anything that is your neighbors.