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## SCRIPTURES

- Romans 9:1-18
- John 8:31-36

Title:

## LET'S GET HISTORICAL

- Revising Revisionist History
- God's Sovereignty on Trial

## SEED:

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, **you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**" They answered Him, "**We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone.** How can You say, 'You will be made free?'" John 8:31-33 NKJV

## FRUIT:

"But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. **For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham;** but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." **That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God;** but the children of the promise are counted as the seed." Romans 9:6-8 NKJV

## INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

*The entirety of the contradiction and denial can be summed up with this one ridiculous statement, indicative of the disease of historical blindness. "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone." Can you imagine the depth of their deception? The Nile River has a wide expanse in some places, but the River of Denial is too wide to cross everywhere, impossible to survive without a floatation device. Paul seems to be addressing a people hysterical over historical truth—a wave of deception that prevents them from latching onto the buoyancy of Christ. As such, Paul seems intent on revising revisionist history. Facts matter, although if you watch the news today you'd conclude otherwise.*

*They suffered historical amnesia. Those who forget their history are bound to repeat its mistakes! "We have never been in bondage to anyone although we emerged from bondage to Egypt and landed in bondage to Rome." They inherited historical misinterpretations. Those who incorrectly interpret the meaning of history are bound to repeat its mistakes! Israel may not mean what you think—you must expand your mind or you will miss something eternal. They invited historical misconceptions. Those who misunderstand the lessons of history are bound to repeat its mistakes! The children of the promise, in what seems to be a reference to the physical line of Isaac, was not so at all. Issac was conceived to bring forth the Messiah, not just a nation.*

*And maybe the most egregious error you might make is to indict God's character, as if God's sovereignty is on trial. Rather we ought to defend God's character. How gracious is He who guides us with historical precedent; judges us with historical justice; comforts us with historical predictability; and reasons with us with historical rationale. But, if you forget your history, or incorrectly interpret its meaning, or misunderstand its lessons—you are bound to repeat its mistakes! The Nile River has a wide expanse in some places, but the River of Denial is too wide to cross everywhere, impossible to survive without a floatation device, and the only thing offering you buoyancy is Christ.*

## REVISING REVISIONIST HISTORY

### 1. Historical Blindness

#### A. Hysterical or Historical

##### (1) Facts Matter

(a) If you do not learn from your history, you are bound to repeat it.

1. "I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that **I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.** For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ **for my brethren, my countrymen** according to the flesh, **who are Israelites, to whom** pertain the **adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom,** according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen." Romans 9:1-5 NKJV
2. "As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly **a light shone** around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and **heard a voice saying** to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"" Acts 9:3-4 NKJV
3. "Greater love has no one than this, than to **lay down one's life for his friends.**" John 15:13 NKJV
4. "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32 NKJV
5. "We are Abraham's descendants, and **have never been in bondage to anyone.** How can You say, 'You will be made free?'" John 8:33 NKJV
6. "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, **I will rescue you from their bondage,** and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.'" Exodus 6:6 NKJV
7. "Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.** And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:34-36 NKJV

8. *"knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves of sin.** [16] Do you not know that to whom **you present yourselves slaves to obey**, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?"*  
*"Romans 6:6, 16 NKJV"*

(2) **Historical Amnesia:**

- (a) Then Paul accesses his world of knowledge of the Torah to drive home his point. These are *"**my brethren, my countrymen** according to the flesh, **who are Israelites**"*
1. **He was one of them...** *"circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;"* Philippians 3:5 NKJV

(3) Paul ends his prayer by highlighting **nine identifiers...**

- (a) It seems like the first three identifiers perfectly align in order with Paul's revelation in the previous chapter: *"Moreover whom He predestined, these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified.**"* Romans 8:30 NKJV
1. **Your name is no longer Jacob, but Israel!** *"Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, **He touched the socket of his hip**; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "**I will not let You go unless You bless me!**" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "**Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel**; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."*  
*"Genesis 32:24-28 NKJV"*
2. **You have been adopted** into the family of God as His children. *"And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. **Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: "Israel is My son, My firstborn."**"* Exodus 4:21-22 NKJV
3. *"For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; **the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself**, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth."* Deuteronomy 7:6 NKJV
4. **To you God has revealed His glory.** *"Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' **Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your***

**people.**” And He said, **“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”** Then he said to Him, **“If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight,** except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.” So the Lord said to Moses, **“I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight,** and I know you by name.” And he said, **“Please, show me Your glory.”** Then He said, **“I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”** Exodus 33:12-19 NKJV

5. **You are my covenanted people.** *“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful **God who keeps covenant and mercy** for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; [12] “Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the Lord your **God will keep with you the covenant** and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.” Deuteronomy 7:9, 12 NKJV*
6. Through you I **codified the law** in the earth at Mount Sinai. *“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, **if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant,** then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ **These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.**” So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him. Then all the people answered together and said, **“All that the Lord has spoken we will do.”** So Moses brought back **the words** of the people to the Lord. And the Lord said to Moses, **“Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.”** So Moses told **the words** of the people to the Lord.” Exodus 19:4-9 NKJV*
7. *“What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.” Romans 3:1-2 NKJV*
8. I organized the **earthly priesthood** through the tribe of Levi. *“Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, **that he may minister to Me as priest,** Aaron and Aaron’s sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.” Exodus 28:1 NKJV*
9. *“And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: “Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him. And they shall attend to his needs and*

*the needs of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of meeting, to do the work of the tabernacle.” Numbers 3:5-7 NKJV*

10. **I made promises...** *“And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for **an everlasting covenant**, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give **to you and your descendants after you the land** in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”* Genesis 17:7-8 NKJV
11. It is from your people that **the fathers of the faith** came: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
  - a) **Abraham Called to be the father of nations:** *““As for Me, behold, **My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations**. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And **I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations**, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.”* Genesis 17:4-7 NKJV
  - b) **Isaac called (2nd born):** *“Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her and **also give you a son by her**; then I will bless her, and **she shall be a mother of nations**; kings of peoples shall be from her.” Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” And Abraham said to God, “**Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!**” Then God said: “**No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.**”* Genesis 17:15-19 NKJV
  - c) **Jacob called (2nd born):** After Rebekah schemed with Jacob to steal Esau’s blessing (Genesis 27:5-10) *“Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother. “**May God Almighty bless you, And make you fruitful and multiply you**, That you may be an assembly of peoples; **And give you the blessing of Abraham**, To you and your descendants with you, **That you may inherit the land** In which you are a stranger, Which God gave to Abraham.”* The Genesis 28:1-4 NKJV
12. And it is through the tribe of Judah and the line of David **that Y’shua the Messiah was born.**

- a) ***"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people."*** Genesis 49:10 NKJV
- b) *"There shall come forth a Rod **from the stem of Jesse** [David's father], And a Branch shall grow out of his roots."* Isaiah 11:1 NKJV
- c) *"And your house [David's] and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. **Your throne shall be established forever.**"* II Samuel 7:16 NKJV
- d) *"But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.""* Revelation 5:5 NKJV

(b) And he closes out his argument by again tying in a previous thought:

- 1. *"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all**, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"* Romans 8:31-32 NKJV

## **B. Historical Misinterpretation**

(1) Those who forget their history, **or incorrectly interpret its meaning**, or misunderstand its lessons—will repeat its mistakes!

(a) Can mankind thwart the plans of God? Of course not!

- 1. *"But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For **they are not all Israel who are of Israel**, nor are they all children **because they are the seed of Abraham**; but, **"In Isaac your seed shall be called."**"* Romans 9:6-7 NKJV
- 2. *"Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying **I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore**; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.""* Genesis 22:15-18 NKJV
- 3. *"By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, **were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.**"* Hebrews 11:11-12 NKJV
- 4. *"Therefore **it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham**, who is the father of us all (as it is written, "I have made you a*

*father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”” Romans 4:16-18 NKJV*

### **C. Historical Misconception**

- (1) Those who forget their history, or incorrectly interpret its meaning, or **misunderstand its lessons**—will repeat its mistakes!
  - (a) The lesson here is critical and one that has eternal consequences.
    1. “That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; **but the children of the promise are counted as the seed**. For this is the word of promise: **“At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.”**” Romans 9:8-9 NKJV
    2. “Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? For it is written that **Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman**. But he who was of the **bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise**, which things are **symbolic**. For these are the **two covenants**: the one from **Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar**—for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and **corresponds to Jerusalem which now is**, and is **in bondage with her children**—but **the Jerusalem above is free**, which is the mother of us all. For 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.” Now we, brethren, **as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh** then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless 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.” **So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.**”Galatians 4:21-31 NKJV
    3. “I say then: *Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.***” Galatians 5:16-17 NKJV

## GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY ON TRIAL

### **2. A Critical Lesson!**

#### **A. Historical Precedent**

- (1) And here we are yet again with the same declaration, maybe more appropriate here than previously stated.

- (a) Those who **forget their history**, or **incorrectly interpret its meaning**, or **misunderstand its lessons**—will repeat its mistakes!
1. "And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (**for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls**), it was said to her, "The older **shall serve** the younger." As it is written, "**Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.**" " Romans 9:10-13 NKJV
  2. "If anyone comes to Me **and does not hate** his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:26 NKJV
  3. "But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, **and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.**" Philippians 3:7-8 NKJV

## **B. Historical Justice**

### (1) God's Character on Trial

- (a) You cannot indite God over this (it was Esau's choice)!
1. "What shall we say then? **Is there unrighteousness with God?** Certainly not!" Romans 9:14 NKJV
  2. "Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?" Matthew 20:15 NKJV
  3. "For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 NKJV

## **C. Historical Predictability**

### (1) He is a God of Consistency...

- (a) God does not owe us an explanation.
1. "For He says to Moses, "**I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.**" So then **it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs**, but of God who shows mercy." Romans 9:15-16 NKJV
  2. "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion," (Exodus 33:19)

## **D. Historical Rationale**

### (1) God is ALWAYS just!

- (a) God owes us nothing, including an explanation.



1. "For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, **"For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you,** and that My name may be declared in all the earth."  
" Romans 9:17 NKJV
2. "Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.' " **And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."**" Exodus 5:1-2 NKJV
3. 4th Plague Flies (He acknowledges that Yahweh is a god, but the god of the hebrews): " Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice **to your God** in the land." Exodus 8:25 NKJV
4. 7th Plague Hail (He acknowledges he has sinned and Yahweh is the Lord): "And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "**I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.**" Exodus 9:27 NKJV
5. 8th Plague Locusts (He acknowledges he has sinned and Yahweh is the Lord and asks for forgiveness ONE TIME): "Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, "**I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the Lord your God, that He may take away from me this death only.**" Exodus 10:16-17 NKJV

#### **E. Historical Sovereignty**

##### (1) Light Exposes Darkness

###### (a) What is really going on here?

1. "Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and **whom He wills He hardens.**" Romans 9:18 NKJV
2. 9th Plague Darkness (Pharaoh does not repent this time; but he does pronounce a death sentence. It just won't turn out the way he planned): "But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! **Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!**" Exodus 10:27-28 NKJV
3. "**For our citizenship is in heaven,** from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV

##### (2) Bonus Reading Assignment

###### (a) John 8 (Abraham's and Satan's Seed)

1. "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what

you have seen with your father." They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. [41] **You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God."** Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. [44] **You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.** But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God. Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. **And I do not seek My own glory;** there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' [53] **Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"** Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. [56] **Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.**" Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" [58] **Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."** Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by." John 8:37-59 NKJV

(b) Galatians (Abraham's Seed)

1. "Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. **Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.** And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in

Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; **but God gave it to Abraham by promise.**“ Galatians 3:15-18 NKJV

2. “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, **then you are Abraham’s seed**, and heirs according to the promise.  
“ Galatians 3:26-29 NKJV
3. “Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. **Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” Galatians 4:1-7 NKJV
4. “Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? **For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.** But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For 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.” Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless 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.” So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.” Galatians 4:21-31 NKJV