

The Faith of Our Fathers

2) Isaac: A Son and an Heir

***'I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
and in you all the families of the earth
shall be blessed'***

(Gen.12:3)

'And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed'

(Gen.26:4)

'Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed'

(Gen.28:14)

'For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren'

(Heb.2:10-11)

'For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren'
(Rom.8:29)

***'And Sarah my master's wife
bore a son to my master when
she was old; and to him he has
given all that he has'
(Gen.24:36)***

'The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together'

(Rom.8:16-17)

*'And Abraham gave all that he
had to Isaac'*
(Gen.25:5)

'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. "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'

(Gal.4:21-28)

*'A slave does not abide in the house
forever, but a son abides forever'*
(John 8:35)

***'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'
(Gal.4:29-31)***

'If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons'
(Heb.12:7-8)

'But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith'

(Gal.3:23-24)

'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'
(Gal.4:1-2)

'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'

(Gal.4:4-5)

*'...after faith has come, we are
no longer under a tutor'
(Gal.3:25)*

***'...you are all sons of God
through faith in Christ Jesus'
(Gal.3:26)***

'For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father"'

(Rom.8:14-15)

*'...if you are led by the Spirit,
you are not under the law'*
(Gal.5:18)

***'But now after you have known
God, or rather are known by
God, how is it that you turn
again to the weak and beggarly
elements, to which you desire
again to be in bondage? You
observe days and months and
seasons and years. I am afraid
for you, lest I have labored for
you in vain'
(Gal.4:9-11)***

***'None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them',
(Heb.8:11)***

***'And because you are sons, God has
sent forth the Spirit of His Son
into your hearts, crying out,
"Abba, Father!"'***

(Gal.4:6)