Don't Use it Like That!

Genesis 16

Sermon Theme: Despite its apparent logic, seeking to obtain salvation by human effort leads nowhere; it will only be attained by faith.

1) Seeking to obtain the promised seed by human ingenuity

   a) The problem: Sarai is barren (1)

   b) The solution: Surrogate motherhood thru Hagar (2-3)

   c) The aftermath (4-16)

      i) Strife (4-6)

         (1) Hagar seeks to exalt herself
         Prov. 30:21-23

         (2) Sarai appeals to Abram and God

      ii) Rejection of Hagar's seed (7-16)

2) Seeking to obtain the promised salvation by law keeping

   a) Hagar as a type of the Mosaic law (Gal 4:21-25)

      i) The folly of attempting to use the law in order to be saved
      Rom. 9:30ff; Gal. 2:15; Rom. 3:20; Gal. 3:10, 21

      ii) The proper use of the law: to expose our sin
      Rom. 7:7-11; Rom. 3:20; Gal. 3:21

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Genesis Theme: In Genesis God promises to establish his kingdom through his Son by exalting him and giving him a great name and a great nation.

1) Promise Pictured in Creation (1:1-2:3)
- a) Creation (1:1-1:27)
- b) Adam given charge to rule creation with his bride (1:28-31)
- c) Rest (2:1-3)

2) Promise Foreshadowed by Primeval Histories (2:4-11:26)
- a) By heaven and earth's history (2:4-4:26)
  - i) The garden/the Fall/the fall's effects and the seed promise (2:4-3:24)
  - ii) The seed will come through Seth; not Cain (4:1-26)
- b) By Adam's history (5:1-6:8)
  - i) The covenant line of Seth & the escalation of sin
- c) By Noah's history (6:9-9:29)
  - i) The seed continues thru Noah who is saved through judgment (6:9-8:19)
  - ii) Noah is the 2nd Adam given charge of new creation (8:20-9:17)
  - iii) Noah and Ham's sin cry out for a better seed yet to come (9:18-29)
- d) By Noah & Sons' histories (10:1-11:26)
  - i) The line of the true seed continues to be distinguished (10:1-32)
  - ii) Sin escalates through the seed of the serpent / the seed will come thru Seth (11:1-26)

3) Promise Named through Patriarchal Narratives (11:27-50:26)
- a) Through Terah's History (11:27-25:11)
  - i) Promise Introduced (11:27-14:24)
    - (1) Abram (and his seed) is promised a great name and a great nation (11:27-12:9)
    - (2) Promise Validated to Abram by foretastes of blessing (12:10-14:24)
  - ii) Promise Strengthened (15:1-20:18)
    - (1) By Content Clarification (15:1-18:15)
    - (2) By Abraham's Intercession (18:16-19:38)
    - (3) By God's Intervention (20:1-18)
  - iii) Promise Secured (21:1-22:19)
    - (1) By Isaac's Birth & Ishmael's Exile (21:21)
    - (2) By Abimelech's Covenant / Abraham's Offering (21:22-22:19)
  - iv) Promise Perpetuated (22:20-25:11)
    - (1) By Rebekah's Birth / Burial Site Purchase (22:20-23:20)
    - (2) By Isaac's Marriage / Abraham's Death (24:1-25:11)
- b) Through Isaac, not Ishmael's History (25:12-35:29)
  - i) Named not through Ishmael. (25:12-18)
  - ii) Named through Isaac (25:19-35:29)
    - (1) Promises to Jacob foreshadowed (25:19-26:33)
    - (2) Promises to Jacob Given (26:34-28:22)
    - (3) Promises to Jacob Secured / Assured (29:1-35:29)
- c) Through Jacob, not Esau's History (36:1-50:26)
  - i) Named not through Esau (36:1-37:1)
  - ii) Named through Jacob (37:2-50:26)
    - (1) Figurative Death/Burial of Joseph (37:2-38:30)
    - (2) Figurative Resurrection / Ascension of Joseph (41:1-48:22)
    - (3) Blessing by Jacob (49:1-50:26)