

PRAYER MEETING
"THE ALLEGORY OF AGAR"

Introduction

1. Galatians – such a vital message
2. Just as much so today as ever
3. It is related to the threatened papal visit

1. THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE GALATIANS v. 21-23

- 1) The nature of their folly: a false gospel
- 2) How we should view God's law
- 3) The three forms of the law
- 4) How Christians are to think of each
- 5) Why the mind of man gets it wrong
- 6) The subject is Justification:
See 2:17-21; 3:6, 11; 4:21; 6:14

2. THE ALLEGORY OF THE TWO COVENANTS: v.24-26

- 1) What an allegory is:
- 2) This allegory is related to Abraham
 - (i) one wife was Sarah
 - (ii) one was Hagar
- 3) Their two sons – how different:
 - (i) one "after the flesh" (v.23)
 - (ii) one "by promise"
- 4) The Two Covenants:

- (i) The one related to Sinai
- (ii) The other to Jerusalem
OBSERVE: The real v. the false Christian

3. THE PROPHECY FROM ISAIAH: v.27

- 1) A quotation from Isaiah 54:1 in v.27
- 2) The meaning of this verse;
 - (i) the "barren" (ii) "hath a husband"
- 3) How this is true in history
- 4) The principle is seen in all history
 - (i) Cain and Abel
 - (ii) Isaac and Ishmael
 - (iii) Jacob and Esau**OBSERVE**: The nominal v. real Christian

4. THE TWO TYPES OF CHRISTIAN: v.28-31

- 1) The comfort of the genuine believer is seen in v.28
- 2) The treatment which real believers are to expect: persecution (v.29):
 - (i) because one is spiritual
 - (ii) and the other is carnal**OBSERVE**: This seen still. **ILLUSTRATION**: BBC man
- 3) The outcome in the end: v.30
The carnal will be "cast out"
OBSERVE: Hell is full of them, like Judas.

CONCLUSION

1. "Am I spiritual?"
2. "Do I have love?"
3. "Is Christ's cross my glory?"

PSALM**27: 1 – 4****35: 17 – 22 37: 35-40**