

Too Hard For God?

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Galatians 4:17-31

“Is anything too hard for the LORD?” God asked Abraham (Genesis 18:14). God asked this because Abraham and Sarah doubted God’s ability to give them a son. Indeed, they would have a son, Isaac, in their old age as God promised. This was the beginning of the “promise” Paul refers to in Galatians 4.

Paul contrasts the two sons of Abraham: Ishmael, the son of Hagar, Sarah’s servant, and Isaac, born to Sarah “as the result of a divine promise.” Paul calls Ishmael the “son born according to the flesh,” while Isaac is the “son born by the power of the Spirit” (Galatians 4:29).

We, like Isaac, are declared to be children of promise. We become God’s children as the result of God’s divine intervention and fatherhood (John 1:12-13). Nothing we do on our own can make us any better or more deserving of being God’s children. It is only through His ability that we can become a member of the family and the promise, because nothing is “too hard” for God.

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