

***What Aileth  
Thee,  
Hagar?***

***Genesis 21:14-20***

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**14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.**

**15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.**

**16 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept.**

## **Genesis 21:14-20 - continued**

**17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.**

**18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.**

**19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.**

**20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.**

# Introduction

## A. Hagar, the mother of the Arab nations

### Genesis 16:11-12

11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

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## **B. The birth of Ismael**

**Genesis 16:15**

**And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.**

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## B. The birth of Ismael - continued

### 1. God's original promise to Abraham

#### Genesis 15:4-6

**4** And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

**5** And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

**6** And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

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## B. The birth of Ismael - continued

### 2. Sarah's plan: Hagar to provide Abraham a son

#### Genesis 16:1-3

1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

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**C. Isaac's birth and Hagar's heartache**

**Genesis 21:9-13**

**9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.**

**10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.**

**11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.**



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**C. Isaac's birth and Hagar's heartache**

**Genesis 21:9-13**

**12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

**13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.**

# **I. God's Question When A Mother Was Grieving For Her Child**

**A. Hagar thought her child would die**

**B. Mothers have shed many tears over their children**

**C. Mothers have coped through the hard times**

**D. God cared about Hagar's tears**

**E. He called upon Hagar to unburden her heart**

## **II. God's Question To A Mother Who Had Been Wronged By Others**

**A. She had been wronged by man**

**Proverbs 20:6**

**Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?**

**Romans 3:11-12**

**11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.**

**12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

## **II. God's Question To A Mother Who Had Been Wronged By Others**

**B. She had been wronged by a man of God**

**1 John 1:8**

**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

### **III. God's Question To A Mother Who Was To Learn Of His Faithfulness**

**A. She had started this journey with bread and water**

**B. Now her bread was eaten and her water gone**

**C. Note what God did not advise her to do**

**1. Grieve over her problems**

**2. Hold grudges and nurse her wounds**

**Isaiah 46:4**

**And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.**

### **III. God's Question To A Mother Who Was To Learn Of His Faithfulness**

**D. He opened her eyes to His provision**

**Matthew 6:32-33**

**32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.**

**33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Philippians 4:19**

**But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

**What Did Hagar Do?**

**She Filled The Bottle And Gave Water To Ishmael  
To Drink**

**What Will You Do With The Blessing Of Eternal  
Life Provided To You?**