

## **LESSON 16- Abraham's Separation from the Bondwoman**

### **1.0 Text**

**Genesis: 21:1-7**

**Genesis: 21:8-14**

### **2.0 Preambles**

Hagar, the Egyptians bondwoman and her son Ishmael, constituted the residual leave-“in” stain or scar inherited from Abraham's sojourn in Egypt. Sarah and Isaac her son constituted the fulfilment of God's Covenant Promise to Abraham's household. The two could not have co-existed enduringly without attrition, commotion and death. At the height of time, God allowed the separation between Isaac of the Promise and Ishmael of the flesh: between Abraham household and Hagar the bondwoman. This separation constituted one of the last few weights standing between Abraham and His perfection before God.

### **3.0 Discussion / Interaction**

- Can we discuss the separation between man's free will and God purpose in this case, concerning Abraham?
- Hagar and Ishmael were sent away empty handed but with Divine prophecies concerning his future. Can we allow human emotions in carrying out divine instructions?
- How did God balance out in mercy between Ishmael (the first born son) and Isaac (the son of Promise)?
- Can we identify in our individual lives, areas where the “*flesh*” must be separated from that which is of God's “*Promise*”?

### **4.0 Summary**

### **5.0 Prayer**