

Introduction

- 1628 Born, **John Bunyan**, tinker (wandering pot fixer), poor working class
- 1653 Saved, Reformed Baptist, preacher, not a state-sanctioned, not licensed, no common book
- 1660 Imprisoned, spent more than 12 years in jail
- 1923 Born, **Nate Saint**, curious boy who loved airplanes and wanted to be a pilot
- 1948 Missionary pilot, flew to remote jungle villages, Bucket drop system, dual injection engine
- 1956 Died, Aucas, gifts sent/received, killed with 4 friends
- **Ro 8:28**, ²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

1.) Introduction (1-10)

a.) The Child of Promise is Born (1-2)

- 1.) ¹ The Lord [Yahweh] came to Sarah as he had said,
 2.) and the Lord [Yahweh] did for Sarah what he had promised.
² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age,
 at the appointed time God [Elohim] had told him.

- The Lord [Yahweh]... promised... God [Elohim]: 1.) God is Faithful
- came to... did for... pregnant... in his old age... at the appointed time: Miraculous, 2.) God is in Control

b.) The Child of Promise is Named (3)

- ³ Abraham named his son who was born to him—the one Sarah bore to him—Isaac.
 • named his son... Isaac: Naming in the Old Testament is often circumstantive or precursive. He laughs
 • the one: A shadow is cast

c.) The Child of Promise is Circumcised (4-5)

- ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him,
 as God had commanded him.
 • circumcised: What is circumcision?
 • eight days old... as God had commanded him: 3.) God is Covenant Keeping, **Ge 17:12a**, ¹² Throughout your generations, every male among you is to be circumcised at eight days old...

d.) The Child of Promise brings Joy (6-7)

- ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
 1.) ⁶ Sarah said, “God has made me laugh, and everyone who hears will laugh with me.”
 2.) ⁷ She also said,
 a.) “Who would have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse children?
 b.) Yet I have borne a son for him in his old age.”

- me laugh... laugh with me: You can feel the jubilation, 4.) God is the Joy-Bringer

e.) The Child of Promise brings Conflict (8-10)

- a.) 1.) ⁸ The child grew and was weaned,
 2.) and Abraham held a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned.
 b.) ⁹ But Sarah saw the son mocking—the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham.
¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, “Drive out this slave with her son,
 for the son of this slave will not be a coheir with my son Isaac!”

- weaned: stopped being nursed? 2-3 years old.
- the son... the one: The shadow lengthens
- mocking: About what?
- this slave... Drive out... will not be a coheir: Derogatory, vindictive, punitive.

2.) Rising Action (11-16)

a.) Abraham is Distressed for His Son (11)

- ¹¹ This was very distressing to Abraham because of his son.
 • very distressing: 5.) God knows our distresses
 • his son: **Ge 17:18**, ¹⁸ So Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael were acceptable to you!”

b.) God Promises to Bless Abraham's Son (12-13)

- ¹² But God said to Abraham,
 1.) “Do not be distressed about the boy and about your slave.
 2.) Whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her,

a.) because your offspring will be traced through Isaac,

b.) ¹³ and I will also make a nation of the slave's son because he is your offspring.”

- your offspring will be traced through Isaac: 6.) God chooses (elects), who are called according to his purpose
- your slave... the slave's son:
- I will also make a nation of the slave's: 7.) God cares (compassion)

c.) Abraham Sends His Son Away (14a)

¹⁴ Early in the morning

- 1.) Abraham got up,
- 2.) took bread and a waterskin,
- 3.) put them on Hagar's shoulders,
- 4.) and sent her and the boy away.

d.) Hagar is Distressed for Her Son (14b-16)

She left and wandered in the Wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone,

she left the boy under one of the bushes

¹⁶ and went and sat at a distance, about a bowshot away,
for she said, "I can't bear to watch the boy die!"

While she sat at a distance, she wept loudly.

3.) Climax (17-18)

1.) ¹⁷ God heard the boy crying,

2.) and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her,

1.) "What's wrong, Hagar? Don't be afraid,
for God has heard the boy crying from the place where he is.

2.) 1.) ¹⁸ Get up, 2.) help the boy up, 3.) and grasp his hand,
for I will make him a great nation."

- God... the angel of God: ⁷ The angel of the Lord found her by a spring in the wilderness...
- heard... called... Don't be afraid... God has heard: 8.) God hears our cries

4.) Falling Action (19)

1.) ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes,

2.) and she saw a well.

1.) So she went and filled the waterskin

2.) and gave the boy a drink.

- a well: providence, 9.) God controls the smallest details

5.) Conclusion (20-21)

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew;

he settled in the wilderness and became an archer.

²¹ He settled in the Wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

- God was with the boy, and he grew: 10.) God blesses those He sets His affections upon

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- **John Bunyan**: The Pilgrim's Progress, over 30 books
- **Nate Saint**: Nate's sister, along with Elisabeth Elliot, went back, many believed
- **King David's**: Coveted Uriah's wife, committed adultery, stealing her from Uriah, lying to him, murdered him. The promised seed
- **John Mark**: After sailing to Perga with Paul and Barnabas John left them. Wrote a Gospel
- **Paul**: A terror to the early church, present at first Christian martyr, Apostle to the Gentiles
- **Peter**: Denied Christ three times—the third time cursing his accusers. When he realizes what he's done he breaks down and weeps bitterly. (Mk. 14:66-72). Peter is the first of the twelve that Jesus appears to! (Lk. 24:34, 1 Cor. 15:5) He restores Peter in a touching moment on the Sea of Galilee. (Jn. 21:15-17) And Peter goes on to become the leader of the disciples, preaching the first evangelical message after which more than 3,000 people get saved. (Acts 2:14-36)