

# (Genesis) Genesis 25:5-18

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*The sermon explores Abraham's legacy, the significance of his relationships with Isaac and Ishmael, and the divine lineage leading to Christ.*

**Duration:** 2:14

**Scripture:** Genesis 25:5, Genesis 25:7-18

**Topics:** "Abrahamic Covenant", "Genealogy Of Faith"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the genealogy of Abraham and the significance of the rejected line and the line leading to Christ. The preacher highlights that the rejected line, represented by Ishmael, is mentioned first in the book of Genesis but is eventually set aside. The line leading to Christ, represented by Isaac, is given prominence. The preacher also mentions that Abraham gave gifts to the sons of his concubines and sent them away from Isaac. The sermon concludes with the death of Abraham and the burial by his sons, Isaac and Ishmael.

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## Transcript

Now, we come down to verse 5, "...and Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac," and notice that, "...but unto the sons of the concubines which Abraham had. Abraham gave gifts and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived eastward unto the east country. And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life, which he lived a hundred, threescore, and fifteen years.

Then Abraham gave up the ghost, died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people." This is interesting, "...and his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron, the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre. The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth, there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife." Now, Ishmael comes for the funeral because, after all, Abraham is his father, and here Isaac and Ishmael bury Abraham. In verse 11, we follow right along now, "...it came to pass after the death of Abraham that God blessed his son Isaac, and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi." That's where, you remember, he met Rebekah when she came to him.

Now, we have in verse 12 down through verse 18, "...the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, baroned Abraham." Now, the list of them are given here, and I have no intention of reading this section at all, but to call your attention to the fact that this is the method of the Holy Spirit, this is the handwriting of the Spirit of God, and that is, in the book of Genesis, the rejected

line is given first, and then set aside, not mentioned anymore, and the line that's leading to Christ is given.  
And therefore, after we have the line of Ishmael,

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