

# Fulfilling the Promises

**Genesis 21:1-21**

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service  
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“I was trying to bring joy and didn’t realise that it would open the door to so much hate, which has frankly been pretty devastating.”

Rachael Gunn



# 1. A joyful fulfilment (v1-7)

## Genesis 21v6

“God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.”

## Genesis 21v7

“Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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## 2. A necessary expulsion (v8-13)

## Genesis 21v10

“Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

## Galatians 4v28-29

<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

### 3. An unexpected kindness (v14-21)



אין לרדת מהכביש  
אין לעמוד בשוליים  
ممنوع النزول من الطريق  
ممنوع الوقوف على الحواف  
DON'T GO OFF THE ROAD  
DON'T STOP/PARK  
ON SHOULDERS

## Matthew 5v45

God causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good,  
and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

## Matthew 5v43-45

<sup>43</sup> You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.