

The Well Lahairoi

Ge 16:14; 9 "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10 ¶ And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 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. 13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me? 14 Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. 15 ¶ And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael."

Sarai, Abram's wife, was barren and she coaxed Abram to take her handmaid and have children by her. Hagar, Sarai's maid, was given to Abram to wife, and when she conceived, Hagar despised her mistress. Sarai then treated Hagar so badly, that Hagar fled from home into the wilderness and stops at this fountain in the wilderness. There she is met by an angel of God, who instructs her to return home, and tells her what will come to pass in her life, and the life of her child. Wherefore, we see that this fountain, Beerlahairoi, which is also called a well, is a well of deliverance to her.

The name of the well is Beerlahairoi a Hebrew word that means *well of the living One*. Hagar names this well where she had her experience of meeting God, the *living* God, who has directed her footsteps for her future, and how she should live.

Ge 24:62; 62 ¶ "And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. 65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."

Beerlahairoi and Lahairoi are the same place, from the same Hebrew word, and have the same meaning. We see, in this text, that this well was the place where Isaac, the promised seed of Abraham, meets his wife. It was the place where Isaac heard the story, of the miraculous work of God in bringing his wife to him.

Ge 25:11 ¶ "And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi."

Abraham dies and his sons, Ishmael and Isaac, bury him with his wife, Sarah. After the death of Abraham, Isaac dwells by the well Lahairoi, where he first met his wife, who was provided for him by his father. Now, let us make some application, of these appearances of the well Lahairoi, to our own lives as Christians.

First, we see that the well is the representation of the appearance of God in a person's life. As God appeared to Hagar, by the angel of God; so, God sends the Comforter to bring the message of salvation by grace, provided by Jesus Christ, to each child of God at the time of the new birth. The appearance of the Holy Spirit manifests to us the presence of Christ in us, who is the fountain of living waters. Having met our Saviour, we are directed by the Holy Spirit, and the word of God, to go home. Home, for the child of God, is the New Testament Church.

Second, this well was where Isaac, the promised seed, met and received his wife. This gives us the picture of what our action should be when we are born-again. Being born again, we are to go home to our husband, who is dwelling at the well Lahairoi, which is a prophetic picture of the church of Salvation by Grace.

Remember, it was at the well Lahairoi that Isaac heard the story of the miraculous working of God in procuring to him a wife. This is what the preaching of the gospel does for us. It is the revealing, of the church of salvation by grace, and the miraculous work of Jesus Christ, who has provided for us this well Lahairoi, which is the fountain of living waters in this wilderness of sin. It is the revealing of the miraculous work of God in saving us and bringing us to the well of Lahairoi, the church, to meet our husbandman, Jesus Christ.

Thirdly, we see that Isaac, having received his God given wife, dwells by the well Lahairoi. This gives us the prophetic picture of what we are to do with our lives, after we are born-again by the grace of God. We are to come forward, make our public profession of faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, be baptized by immersion, and live our Christian life in the church. Remember, Lahairoi means *well of the living One*. This is the prophetic picture of the church being the place, where the gospel is preached, from which we receive the water of life. The place where the glorious gospel of our Husbandman, Jesus Christ, is preached. It is the picture of the place where we drink from the fountain of living waters, of which we are told in: ***Jer 17:13 "O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters."*** We are told here what happens if we deny and forsake God. We are also told; God is our hope and God is "***the fountain of living waters***."

Wherefore, we have the well Lahairoi giving us the completeness of the work of Christ. Christ provided the fountain in the wilderness. Christ comes to us in the wilderness of sin and causes us to be born again. Christ directs us to go home and live our life there in accordance with "***thus saith the Lord***." Christ has provided the written word of God, from which we hear the preaching of the wonderful message, of how Christ has provided our eternal life, and how Christ procured our eternal forgiveness of sins.

Christ Jesus gives us the prophetic picture of our eternal future, as we see in: ***Re 7:17 "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."*** Oh! What a glorious hope! At the end of time; we are told; Christ will come the second time. Christ will gather the church, his betrothed wife, take them to the marriage supper of the Lamb. God's chosen people shall forever be in the place, where the true "***living fountains of waters***" the prophetic well Lahairoi exist in visible presence. What a wonderful picture it is to know; we are now dwelling by the well Lahairoi, and we shall dwell by the eternal well Lahairoi. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!