

The Truth About Ishmael

All too often, I come across women who ask, “How long will I have to wait for my Isaac?” Some women even complain of having waited for years, and sometimes, decades to be found by their God-appointed husbands. At the same time, there are many women who hear the testimonies of other women who've waited for what appears to be unreasonable amounts of time, so they decide to go out and choose their own husbands. They'll oftentimes reason within themselves that it is okay for them to do whatever they think is necessary to get what they want if their hearts are in the right places. Of course, the women who have decided to wait on the Lord often find themselves upset when their non-faithful counterparts announce their engagements via social media. After all, if you've waited over five years to be found by your husband, you don't want to receive a phone call from your fornicating cousin asking you to be a part of her wedding.

It is not uncommon for me to receive emails from women who are upset when they see someone who's unfaithful walking down the aisle with what appears to be a good man, and for this reason, I want to share with you a few truths about Ishmael that should help you with your wait.

1. Ishmael is not the husband of promise; he is a counterfeit who comes forward when the believer doubts God and decides to bring the promise to pass on her own.
2. Faith will always scare Ishmael away, therefore, Ishmael is attracted to women who lack faith. What does this tell us? Remember, whatever you are, you are going to attract to yourself, so if you don't have the faith to wait on God, you're going to attract an unfaithful man. Ishmael is almost always unfaithful, but he eventually makes a believer out of every woman who didn't initially believe God.
3. Ishmael is the result of impatience, but the funny thing is...women who refuse to wait on God for their husbands often find themselves tearfully waiting on God to change their husbands. If being single is a problem, you'll end up marrying a problem, and it is then that you'll start seeing singleness as a solution. Be patient with God; after all, He was and is patient with you.
4. Ishmael isn't always worldly. This is the part that surprises many women because when we think about Ishmael, we think about a worldly character who is not following God. Of course, this misrepresentation of him has caused many women to end up marrying the very men Satan sent to hinder them. Please know that Satan's biggest weapons wear masks of humility and clothe themselves with costly, religious apparel in their attempts to fool the church. This means they are some of the biggest devils on the singles' market. Remember, the original Ishmael was the son of Abraham, and Abraham was a devout and faithful servant of YAHWEH.
5. Try as you may, but you cannot turn Ishmael into Isaac. Many women have gone before you and tried, and some of them are in asylums today, while others are no longer in the realm of the earth. A man is going to be whomever and whatever he wants to be until he decides that he wants to change. All the same, many women are blinded by what they believe to be a man's

potential to be a good husband. Let's face it. We all have potential to be great, but we also have the potential to be evil. Don't gamble on Ishmael; you'll always come out with the losing hand.

6. Satan does disguise himself as an angel of light. Behold! You see your beautiful, religious, and fornicating friend post up a picture of her now bedazzled ring finger, with the caption, "*I said yes!*" You look at the likes and the comments, and she has 987 likes and 1,456 people congratulating her on her engagement. Over the next few days, you see countless photos being posted to her Facebook page, and she appears to have some angelic-like glow, and her new fiance is everything you think you want in a man. You even go to her wedding and see how beautiful she looks as she makes her way down the aisle towards her handsome and crying husband. It looks like her sin has rewarded her, right? *Look again!* Just wait a few years. First and foremost, I always tell women to STOP envying other women! Seriously. Envy and jealousy are very unbecoming, and they're also ungodly. With that being said, please note that sin never wins...*ever!* Your friend simply has a microwave blessing.

Have you ever reheated pizza in the microwave? If you have, you've probably noticed how perfect and delectable it looked while sitting in the microwave, but the minute you tried to bite into it, you found that the microwave dried that pizza's crust. That's the way microwave romance is. It looks good from the outside, but once you get a taste of it, you'll find out just how tough it is. If you'll only keep on living, life will surprise you. That friend who appeared to have sexed her way into a blessing will one day look at you with envy when you are walking down the aisle with the promised man (Isaac), and by this time, she'll either be divorced, separated or bitter. You'll then find out that the happiest day of her life was her wedding day, and believe me, that's a sad existence. Your wedding should NEVER be the happiest day in your marriage; it should be the start of greater days.

7. If you marry Ishmael, you are in the same, rejecting Isaac. Let's get real here. Ishmael is like a used car; he can take you places, but he won't take you far, plus, he's going to keep breaking down on you. Isaac is like a new jet; he will take you to new heights and new places. He will take you to places you haven't imagined going. Sure, Isaac appears to be too expensive and too good to be true, and your understanding will tell you that it'll be years (or never) before you can afford the guy, but the truth is the distance (in years) between you and Isaac is equivalent to the time it takes for you to deny yourself wholly and follow God...with or without a man. Always remember that faith is a believer's currency, but fear, doubt and impatience are thieves sent to rob you of the promise. Any woman married to an Ishmael will vouch for me when I say that Ishmael isn't worth his price tag.

Wait on God. There's so much to you that you have not yet realized, but if you don't let God send you the right man, you will undoubtedly end up with the wrong man. Ishmael may look like an easy safe to crack, but he's not. Only God can change him. You don't have the power, longevity or the mental strength to change that man.

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