

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"I am Joseph"
Genesis 45:1-28
Study-75

It has been noted, "That the final proof of greatness is being able to endure contemptuous treatment without resentment!"

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Righteous Can Discern That God Works Even Through The Evil Plans Of Man, Enabling Them To Forgive Others."

- 1. Verses 1-13 Revelation:**
- 2. Verses 14-15 Reconciliation:**
- 3. Verses 16-24 Provisions:**
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1. Verses 1-13 Revelation:

Genesis 45:1 Verses 1-8 The Reveal: Then Joseph could not control himself Context – Joseph has just tested his brothers as to their loyalty by planting his silver cup in Benjamin's sack. All the brothers wanted to take the punishment for Benjamin, but Judah spoke up and wanted all the punishment.

It was Judah's idea to sell Joseph as a slave.

Conviction, Repentance, and Confession.

The brothers have been transformed by God's love and were unified.

"Have everyone go out from me."

How important it is **not to air our personal grievances. Matthew 18:15**

Genesis 45:2 He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it,
Pours out his heart.

Genesis 45:3 "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?"
"The Great Reveal" Stephen quotes Genesis, Acts 7:13

But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed –
Literally "*terrified, frightened*"

These brothers saw Joseph the way that many see the Lord today.
They think that God is mean and capricious **John 15:25**

Genesis 45:4 "Please come closer to me."
Jesus calls the sinner to Himself. **Matthew 11:28**

"I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.
The brothers sold him into Egypt because they were jealous and hated Him.
There was no logical reason but hatred.

Genesis 45:5 do not be grieved or angry with yourselves,

After we have experienced **Conviction**, then comes **Repentance** and **Confession**.

The devil loves to have us dwell on what God has forgiven.

because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Notice how Joseph saw the Lord in his circumstances:

Genesis 45:7-9; Genesis 50:20

What was evil in its intent, Joseph saw as God's providence.

The person who commits evil is responsible for their actions.

We can see through Scripture that God's will supersedes what may happen.

Genesis 45:6 "For the famine has been in the land these two years, God has revealed to Him what the future holds.

**Genesis 45:7 "God sent me before you
Four times, Joseph mentions God doing it.**

8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh (*Adviser To Pharaoh*) and lord of all his household (*Overseer For Pharaoh*) and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Notice that Joseph gave the glory to God for the exaltation that he had now in Egypt. He did not take credit for it.

Verses 9-13 The Directive:

Genesis 45:9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, (An image of the angels at the empty tomb of Jesus saying, "tell the disciples!")"

The Message of Joseph is the Message Of Jesus Christ –

- (1) Joseph (Jesus) Is Alive And Well,
- (2) Joseph (Jesus) Has Been Exalted,
- (3) You Are Commanded To Come, You're Welcome.

"God has made me lord of all Egypt;

Notice that it was God! Not Joseph, but God gets the glory!

Romans 11:33

Genesis 45:10 "You shall live in the land of Goshen, Eastern Delta, very fertile land, great for grazing. It was sparsely populated.

and you shall be near me, Deuteronomy 33:12

Genesis 45:11-13

2. Verses 14-15 Reconciliation:

Genesis 45:14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, Same mother, Rachel.

Genesis 45:15 He kissed all his brothers and wept on them, He bore no grudges. Complete forgiveness and reconciliation.

Jesus Future Reunion With Israel: Zechariah 12:10

and afterward his brothers talked with him.

A lot of talking, (**22 Years x 12 Brothers to Get Caught Up On.**)

How can I find this forgiveness to forgive others?

Answer: (Getting our eyes on God)

Joseph had his eyes fixed on God. God was ever in his thoughts.

3. Verses 16-24 Provisions:

Genesis 45:16

News travels fast. Pharaoh wanted Joseph to be blessed, as he was the savior of Egypt.

Verses 17-20 Pharaoh Echo's Joseph's Invitation: Genesis 45:17

Notice Genesis 45:9

**"Hurry and go up to my father,
13 you must hurry and bring my father down here."**

We are all called to share the good news of Jesus with others!

Genesis 45:18 I will give you the best of the land of Egypt

God has given us the promise of heaven! **Jeremiah 29:11**

Genesis 45:19 "Now you are ordered, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt

They were used in Egypt but not in Canaan.

Genesis 45:20 Do not concern yourselves with your goods, "Regard not your stuff."

Verses - 21-24 The Departure:

Genesis 45:21 gave them provisions for the journey.

Everything we need as Christians has been provided for us by God.

Genesis 45:22 To each of them he gave changes of garments,

These brothers had stripped Joseph of his garment, but now he was giving them a new change of clothes.

Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of garments. Joseph had been sold for 20 pieces of silver. Now, Benjamin is given **15 times** as much.

Genesis 45:23

Enough to sustain the family back to Egypt. Enough for 65 persons.

Philippians 4:19

Genesis 45:24 Knowing his brothers, he said these final words
"Do not quarrel on the journey."

**One of Satan's tactics is to get us fighting with each other!
(Forgiven & Forgotten) Psalm 133:1**

4. Verses 25-28 Renewal:

Genesis 45:25-47:10 The Ministry Phase: Joseph's Provisions.
Genesis 45:25 to their father Jacob.

His name is called **Jacob** - Which means "*Trickster, supplanter.*"

His name had been changed to **Israel** - "*Governed by God or controlled by God.*"

Genesis 45:26

"Joseph is still alive, and indeed he is ruler over all the land of Egypt."

Notice that the message was focused on Joseph.

The brothers then told the truth about Joseph.

How they sold him into slavery.

There cannot be reconciliation without confession and repentance.

But he was stunned, or "*his heart fainted*"

Literally means "*his heart grew cold or grew numb*"

He almost had a heart attack.

for he did not believe them.

Old Jacob, who is operating in the realm of the flesh.

Genesis 45:27 When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, They gave their testimony and Joseph's words.

the spirit of their father Jacob revived. John 20:29

Genesis 45:28 I will go and see him before I die."

Israel is 130 when he leaves Egypt and dies at the age of 147.

That means that he lives another 17 years.

Application:

1. What Was Evil In Its Intent, Joseph Saw As God's Providence. The Person Who Commits Evil Is Responsible For Their Actions, But God's Will Supersedes What May Happen.
2. The Message Of Joseph To Jacob Is The Message Of Jesus Christ To Us - (1) Joseph (Jesus) Is Alive And Well, (2) Joseph (Jesus) Has Been Exalted, (3) You Are Commanded To Come, You're Welcome.
3. Joseph Gave The Glory To God For His Exalted Position In Egypt. He Did Not Take Credit For It, It Was The Lord's Doing.