

Good Morning & Welcome!

Lets Begin By Dismissing Our Kids

To Their Kids Quest Areas Of Ministry!



This Morning We Continue Our Journey In The Life Of Joseph!

Text:

Genesis 42:29-43:15!

Title:

Sometimes Our World Just Falls Apart!

(Theme is Helpful in Times of Trouble)



Let's Review

The Life Of Joseph!

Chapter 37... Joseph's **Betrayal!**

Chapters 39-40 ... Joseph's **Bondage!**

Chapter 41:1-40 ... Joseph **Blessing!**

Chapter 41:41-57 ... Joseph's **Bride!**

Chapters 42:1-47:10 ... Joseph's **Brothers!**



An Overview of this Long Section!

Chapters 42:1- 47:10

Joseph Meets His Brothers: In 3 Bite Size Pieces!

1st Section (42:1- 44:34): The *Mystery* Phase!

It is in this section that we find Joseph's brothers at a complete loss when it comes to understanding and explaining what is happening to them. It is in this phase of the story that God is moving to awaken their consciences to the past wrongs they have committed against Joseph.

An Overview of this Long Section!

Chapters 42:1-47:10

2nd Section (45:1-24): The Majesty Phase!

It is in this phase of the story that Joseph makes himself known to his brothers. And when he finally makes himself known to them, he presents himself before them in all his glory and with all his power as the Zaphenath-paneah over all the land of Egypt.

An Overview of this Long Section!

Chapters 42:1-47:10

3rd Section (45:25-47:10): The *Ministry* Phase!

It is in this final section that Joseph is found standing before the mighty throne of Pharaoh. It is in this phase of the story that Joseph introduces his family to the mighty Pharaoh and represents his family's interests before him. Here Joseph establishes and settles his family in the most fertile and lush land in all of Egypt (Ab. Cov.).

Let's Get Into The Inspired Text!



The Section Outline Breakdown!

A. (42:1-44:34) The **MYSTERY** Phase of the Story.

1. (42:1- 42:34) How Joseph's brothers were **burdened**.

(The Text / Transition)

2. (42:35-43:34) How Joseph's brothers were **bewildered**.

3. (44:1-34) How Joseph's brothers were **broken**.

B. (45:1-24) The **MAJESTY** Phase.

C. (45:25-47:10) The **MINISTRY** Phase.

The Setting for the Transition!

I. (42:28-43:15) The Transition Between The Brothers Burden and Bewilderment!

Last week we saw Joseph's brothers experiencing a measure of sorrow and shame during their traumatic encounter before Joseph (cf. 42:21). This morning we will discover that God is not through with them yet. He still has much to do before true healing and repentance can take place in their lives. Thus the story continues!

Today's Sermon Outline!

A. (42:29-43:14) The Brothers' PREDICAMENT.

1. (42:29) The summary of their Dilemma.

Only nine of the ten brothers made the trip back home to Canaan. Joseph imprisoned Simeon keeping him as a hostage to guarantee his brothers return with their youngest brother, Benjamin. The story now picks up with the nine brothers standing before Jacob and telling him what happened to them while in Egypt.

Today's Sermon Outline!

A. (42:29-35) The Brothers' PREDICAMENT.

1. (42:29) The summary of their Dilemma.

2. (42:30-38) The story is Developed.

a. (vv.30-34) The Details. (What happened in Egypt)

1.) (v.30) The accusation by Joseph.

2.) (vv.31-32) Their answer of the brothers.

3.) (vv.33-34) The arrest of Simeon (v.24).

Today's Sermon Outline!

2. (42:30-38) The story is Developed.

a. (vv.30-34) The Details. (What happened in Egypt)

b. (v.35) Their Dismay. (What happened in Canaan)

1.) (v.35a) The problem.

It is here that God, in a personal way, begins to teach Joseph's brothers a valuable truth about money – that the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil. Remember the words spoken by Judah in 37:25-27 – “What profit is it!” The brothers valued the 20 pieces of silver (two pieces each) more than the life of their youngest brother. Now, the shoe is on the other foot. Now the money found in the donkey's sacks could cost them their lives should they return to Egypt. And Simeon's life, if they do not.

Today's Sermon Outline!

2. (42:30-38) The story is Developed.

a. (vv.30-34) The Details. (While in Egypt)

b. (v.35) Their Dismay. (Coming Home to Canaan)

1.) (v.35a) The problem.

2.) (v.35b) The proof that the problem is real!

It is at this point that Jacob discovers the reality of the problem they now face – its real! Pharaoh's money was in the sacks of grain they brought home. And as a result, Jacob and his sons are overcome with fear and discouragement. The next verse will reveal what Jacob thinks about Simeon's situation in Egypt.

Today's Sermon Outline!

2. (42:30-38) The story is Developed.

b. (v.35) Their Dismay. (While in Canaan)

c. (vv.36-38) The Dialogue. (Over Benjamin)

1.) (v.36) Jacob's pain. Here Jacob lashes out at his older sons blaming them for all that has happened to him. Jacob believes that Joseph is dead, he also thinks that Simeon is gone forever, and now his sons want to take Benjamin back to Egypt with them. Thus Jacob refuses! Especially when it comes to his favorite son Benjamin (as a result the hand of God will come into play again / theme).

Today's Sermon Outline!

2. (42:30-38) The story is Developed.

c. (vv.36-38) The Dialogue. (Over Benjamin)

1.) (v.36) Jacob's pain.

2.) (v.37) Reuben's pledge. **Remember Reuben is the oldest son of Leah, so he most likely is speaking on behalf of all his brothers. In order to rescue Simeon (the second oldest), Ruben offers his two sons as hostages. The deal? If he doesn't return with Benjamin, Jacob can do whatever he wants to his two sons to compensate for Benjamin's not returning. Note Reuben's love for Simeon. Now contrast this with the brother's earlier lack of love for Joseph. (God is touching hearts)**

Today's Sermon Outline!

c. (vv.36-38) The **Dialogue**. (Over Benjamin)

3.) (v.38) Benjamin's **protection**. **Again Jacob makes it known that he is still unwilling to take a chance on loosing Rachel's only living son, Benjamin. Reminding his sons of Benjamin's special bond with Jacob, he states that he would not be able to survive the pain of loosing Benjamin.**

Today's Sermon Outline!

1. (42:29) The summary of their Dilemma.
2. (42:30-38) The story is Developed.
3. (43:1-14) The scene is Detailed.
 - a. (vv.1-2a) Canaan's poverty. Again we see the hand of God at work. And again we will discover that God uses difficult circumstances for our good / 50:20! The food sent by Joseph and carried to Canaan by his brothers is gone. Jacob and his family, once again face starvation. And to keep them from starving, a second trip must be made to Egypt.

Today's Sermon Outline!

3. (43:1-14) The scene is Detailed.

a. (vv.1-2a) Canaan's poverty.

b. (v.2b) Israel's petition.

c. (vv.3-5) Judah's position.

1.) (v.3) We cannot return to Egypt without Benjamin.

2.) (v.4) Only if you send Benjamin will we go.

3.) (v.5) To go without him would be a wasted trip.

Why should we travel to Egypt to die?

Today's Sermon Outline!

d. (v.6) Israel's protest. Here Jacob is found blaming his sons for his situation. He even goes so far as to suggest that it would have been better if they had deceived the lord of Egypt.

Note: As Jacob is falling back into his old ways (as a deceiver / manipulator) his sons are finally beginning to stand up for themselves. This time they are not willing to let Jacob tell them what to do – perhaps because they fear death. Nevertheless, they again are placing their lives over and above the life of Rachel's son. This fear (for survival) will show up again at the end of the story (50:15f).

Today's Sermon Outline!

d. (v.6) Israel's protest.

e. (v.7) Brother's predicament. *The old saying "like father like son" applies here. The story being told to Jacob by his sons is simply not the truth. They volunteered to give their personal information to Joseph (cf. 42:10 & 13).*

1st) They denied any responsibility for the situation.

2nd) They lied to cover their tracks.

3rd) They tell the story in a way to remove any blame.

4th) They present themselves as the victims.

Today's Sermon Outline!

d. (v.6) Israel's protest.

e. (v.7) Brother's predicament.

f. (vv.8-10) Judah's pledge.

1.) (v.8) Send the lad or we will all die.

2.) (v.9) I will be surety for him.

3.) (v.10) Starvation is again knocking.

Today's Sermon Outline!

f. (vv.8-10) Judah's pledge.

g. (vv.11-14) Father's pain.

1.) (v.11) Go and take gifts: (Honor)

a.) Balm (healing)

d.) myrrh

b.) Honey

e.) Pistachios

c.) Aromatic gum (medicine)

f.) Almonds

2.) (v.12) Go and take double money: (Honest)

3.) (v.13) Go and take Benjamin: (Hurry & Go)

4.) (v.14) Go and may God bless: (Hurry Back)

The Transition Between the Brothers' BURDEN and BEWILDERMENT!

A. (42:29-43:14) The Brothers' Predicament.

B. (43:15) The Brothers take Presents.

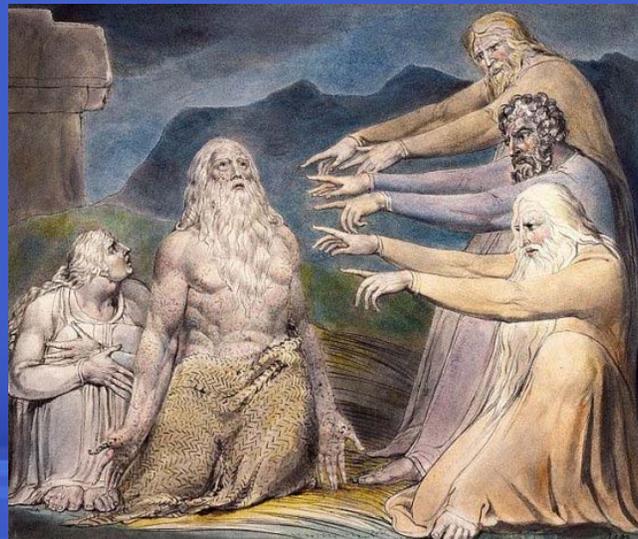


The Story of Joseph!

This morning we continue our journey in the story of the life of Joseph. But we will not need to take time to summarize the story so that we can build upon the narrative already studied. That's because Moses will repeat the narrative for us. And he will do this to give us a glimpse into the struggling and confused hearts of Jacob and his sons. The section now before us is a transition between the brothers first and second visit to Egypt – this parenthesis in the story is given to emphasize the brother's struggle!

Application for Us Today!

In chapter 3 we experienced the fall of mankind. And we noted that ever since the fall we as human beings have been programed to certain negative tendencies that rise from within when life isn't working out the way we hoped it would.



Application for Us Today!

Some of these negative tendencies are:

- 1. We react poorly when we face various problems or encounter hardships in this life.***
- 2. We react poorly because we tend to view problems horizontally rather than vertically.***
- 3. We react poorly because we want to control our circumstances rather than allow God to use them to develop our character in a way that is pleasing to Him.***

Application for Us Today!

Some techniques that will help us counter our negative human tendencies are:

- 1. Realize and admit that your mentality is often negative. Don't try to hide it or cover it up. Simply confess it. Without confession there can be no forgiveness and no cure. This may seem elementary to you, but you'd be surprised at how many Christians never learn to put this step into practice.***

Application for Us Today!

Some techniques that will help us counter our negative human tendencies are:

- 2. Force yourself to view your circumstances from a vertical perspective until it begins to flow freely. And don't become frustrated. Our natural sinful tendencies have a head-start on us all. From the moment we were born they have been active, growing, and maturing, right along side of our physical bodies. And by the time we recognize this and decide to do something about it, we're up against a formidable foe. That's why it is necessary to force a vertical focus until it begins to flow freely.***

Application for Us Today!

Some techniques that will help us counter our negative human tendencies are:

- 3. Do not react quickly to your circumstances. Remember if you make a hasty decision your pride will do everything it can to keep you from changing your mind or admitting your mistake. You may become like Jacob's sons, who lied and exaggerate the truth to convince their father that they were not responsible for the result of their actions. More often than not, it is how we react to the situation or circumstance that causes the greater problem.***

Next Week Joseph and Benjamin Meet for the First Time!

Chapter 43:16-34

