

Great Forgiveness



MEMORY VERSE: "You intended to harm me but God meant it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people."
Genesis 50:20



GENESIS 49:22-25 Joseph's Blessing

1. Jacob called his sons together and he prophesied blessings upon each son, one-by-one. What does Jacob call Joseph? vv. 22
2. Read verses 23-24. Think back on Joseph's life. What are some of the ways you saw God's Hand on his life?
3. What can we learn from Joseph's defeats and triumphs?



GENESIS 50:14-20 Great Forgiveness

4. Joseph and his brothers bury their father Jacob. What were the brothers afraid of when they returned to Egypt after burying their father? vv. 14-17
5. How did Joseph respond to his brothers? How did he say he would treat them? vv. 18-21
6. Read verse 20. How did the brothers try to harm Joseph? How did God mean it all for good?



7. What are we told about the rest of Joseph's life? vv. 22-23

8. Read verse 24. Do you have any doubts that God will fulfill the promise He made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? After studying Joseph's life, is it easier to believe that God keeps His promises and has a plan for every person's life - including yours?

9. God's plan for Joseph was part of a bigger plan for the Hebrew people. Through the Hebrew people God sent us His Son Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins so that ALL that believe in Jesus can have life forever with Him. What an amazing picture of God's provision and love. How does this impact you?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God's plan for Joseph made him a leader so he could save the Hebrew people. Joseph's dreams came true because it was God's plan. God's GREATEST plan for all people, including YOU, is to accept His Son Jesus as Savior. God wants us to know him and He wants to USE us to bring others to Him.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord, I praise You because You are the one and only God. You made heaven and earth and You made me and Joseph. Help me to discover Your unique plan for me. Although I cannot see You, I know You are real and I see the many ways You have blessed me. I am not afraid of bad things because I know You are with me. Lord, use my life to glorify You. In the blessed name of Your Son, Jesus, amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



After studying Joseph, hopefully you can see God's intricate and massive plan for you. He came to save you! He loves you and wants to be a part of your life. God sent His Son Jesus to die for you. Do you believe this? Have you accepted this gift? If so, how does this change the way you live?

If not, and you want to... pray and ask Jesus to forgive your sins and be the Lord of your life. That means God is your Heavenly Father, Jesus is your King and the Holy Spirit will be with you as your Helper.



Genesis 49:22-25 (NIV) ; 50:14-26 (NLT)

49:22-25

“Joseph is a fruitful vine,
a fruitful vine near a spring,
whose branches climb over a wall.

23 With bitterness archers attacked him;
they shot at him with hostility.

24 But his bow remained steady,
his strong arms stayed limber,
because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob,
because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,

25 because of your father’s God, who helps you,
because of the Almighty, who blesses you
with blessings of the skies above,
blessings of the deep springs below,
blessings of the breast and womb.

50:14-26

Joseph Reassures His Brothers

14 After burying Jacob, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had accompanied him to his father’s burial. 15 But now that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers became fearful. “Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him,” they said. 16 So they sent this message to Joseph: “Before your father died, he instructed us 17 to say to you: ‘Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you — for their sin in treating you so cruelly.’ So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin.” When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. 18 Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. “Look, we are your slaves!” they said.

19 But Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

21 No, don’t be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.” So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

The Death of Joseph

22 So Joseph and his brothers and their families continued to live in Egypt. Joseph lived to the age of 110. 23 He lived to see three generations of descendants of his son Ephraim, and he lived to see the birth of the children of Manasseh’s son Makir, whom he claimed as his own.

24 “Soon I will die,” Joseph told his brothers, “but God will surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, and he said, “When God comes to help you and lead you back, you must take my bones with you.” 26 So Joseph died at the age of 110. The Egyptians embalmed him, and his body was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

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