



Joseph Reveals Himself

Genesis 45

Judah Pleads with Joseph



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- Judah pleads for the life of Benjamin to be spared slavery
- Judah offers himself instead of Benjamin
- Judah's reasons point to his father who would surely die from grief if Benjamin does not come home

Joseph's Emotions

- Judah makes a sacrificial plea for Benjamin to be returned to “my” father
- Everyone of the Egyptians are commanded to leave the room
- Joseph wept so loudly that Egyptians and Pharaoh's house heard him

Genesis 45:1-4

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!”

Genesis 45:5-7

And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping.⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Genesis 45:8-11

So then, *it was not you who sent me here, but God.* He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: *God has made me lord of all Egypt.* Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

Genesis 45:12-15

“You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.” ¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45:16-18

When the news reached Pharaoh's palace that Joseph's brothers had come, Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased. ¹⁷ Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan, ¹⁸ and bring your father and your families back to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.'

Genesis 45:19-21

“You are also directed to tell them, ‘Do this: Take some carts from Egypt for your children and your wives, and get your father and come.²⁰ Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.’”²¹ So the sons of Israel did this. Joseph gave them carts, as Pharaoh had commanded, and he also gave them provisions for their journey.

Genesis 45:22-24

To each of them he gave new clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five sets of clothes.²³ And this is what he sent to his father: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and other provisions for his journey.²⁴ Then he sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said to them, “Don’t quarrel on the way!”

God's Plan

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- God sent me ahead of you
- It was not you who sent me here
- God has made me lord of all Egypt



God's Promises to Abraham

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Genesis 15:13,14,16

Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions...¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

Purpose of Trials

Purposes for Trials

- Testing our faith and proving it to be genuine
- Testing our devotion to Christ and gauging our obedience
- Purifying and sanctifying us
- Giving Himself the opportunity to show His love and power
- Producing Christlike character in us
- Equipping us to be a blessing to others

Contentment

Contentment in Trials

- God controls their length and intensity
- God has a specific purpose for them
- God designs them for specific purposes
- They will prove to be good if we respond in faith
- They strengthen our faith

Contentment in Trials

- They allow us to display perseverance under pressure
- They will develop Christlike character in us
- They help us measure our spiritual progress
- God will walk with us through them
- Through His grace and power, we will overcome them

Dr Charles Stanley, Life Principles Notes



Jacob said,
"everything is against me"

Genesis 42:36

Israel said,
"it is enough"

Genesis 45:28