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# JOSEPH

## **A Vision of Christ**

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"The New Testament is in the Old concealed; the Old Testament is in the New revealed." GREATLY LOVED BY THEIR FATHERS Genesis 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* colours.

Matthew 3:16-17 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

## CARED FOR FATHER'S FLOCK

Genesis 37:2 These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. **My Father, which gave them me,** is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

## FATHER SENDS HIM TO HIS BROTHERS

**Genesis 37:13-14** And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the flock* in Shechem? come, and **I will send thee unto them**. And he said to him, Here *am I*. And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

Hebrews 2:10-12 For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

## MOCKED & REJECTED BY BRETHREN (1 of 2)

**Genesis 37:4** And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

**Genesis 37:19-20** And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

## MOCKED & REJECTED BY BRETHREN (2 of 2)

## John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

#### John 7:5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

Matthew 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and **be rejected of the elders**, and *of* the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

SOLD FOR THE PRICE OF A SLAVE Genesis 37:28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

Exodus 21:32 If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

Matthew 26:15 And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver.** 

## JUDAH/JUDAS BETRAYALS

**Genesis 37:26-27** And **Judah** said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and **let us sell him** to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

Mark 14:10-11 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.
And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

## TAKEN TO EGYPT

**Genesis 37:25** And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down **to Egypt.** 

**Genesis 37:36** And the Midianites sold him **into Egypt** unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, *and* captain of the guard.

Matthew 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed **into Egypt**: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.** 

FALSELY ACCUSED & CONDEMNED OF WRONG (1 of 5) Genesis 39:7-10 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; *There is* none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou *art* his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

FALSELY ACCUSED & CONDEMNED OF WRONG (2 of 5) **Genesis 39:11-15** And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

FALSELY ACCUSED & CONDEMNED OF WRONG (3 of 5) Genesis 39:16-20 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, **The Hebrew servant**, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

#### FALSELY ACCUSED & CONDEMNED OF WRONG (4 of 5)

Matthew 26:59-63 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

#### FALSELY ACCUSED & CONDEMNED OF WRONG (5 of 5)

Matthew 26:64-68 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

## PLACED WITH TWO PRISONERS

- Genesis 40:2-3 And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.
- Luke 23:32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

**ONE PRISONER SAVED & ONE LOST Genesis 40:21-22** And he **restored the chief butler unto his butlership again**; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: **But he hanged the chief baker**: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

Luke 23:39-43 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

### **ABOUT THIRTY**

- **Genesis 41:46** And **Joseph** *was* **thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.** And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.
- Luke 3:23 And Jesus himself began to be **about thirty** years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of Heli,

\*\* Numbers 4:3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS (1 of 2) Genesis 39:2-6 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a **prosperous man**; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand. And it came to pass from the time *that* he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

## GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS (2 of 2)

- •Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- •Matthew 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.
- •John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

#### TEMPTED BUT NOT DRAWN AWAY (1 of 3) Genesis 39:7-12 (read previously)

Matthew 4:1-5 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

## TEMPTED BUT NOT DRAWN AWAY (2 of 3)

Matthew 4:6-11 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

#### TEMPTED BUT NOT DRAWN AWAY (3 of 3)

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

## FORGAVE AFTER BEING WRONGED (1 of 4)

Genesis 45:1-6 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which *there shall* neither *be* earing nor harvest.

#### FORGAVE AFTER BEING WRONGED (2 of 4)

Genesis 45:7-11 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now *it was* not you *that* sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

FORGAVE AFTER BEING WRONGED (3 of 4) Genesis 45:11-15 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

FORGAVE AFTER BEING WRONGED (4 of 4) Luke 23:33-34 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

EVIL PLOTTED AGAINST THEM ... BUT Genesis 37:20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him (Jseph), and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

John 11:53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him (Jesus) to death.

GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD – SAVING MANY Genesis 50:17-20 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

## GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD – SAVING MANY

- **Genesis 41:57** And **all countries** came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn*; because that the famine was *so* sore in **all lands.**
- **Genesis 12:1-3** Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

### GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD – SAVING MANY

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

#### GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD – SAVING MANY

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus **Christ; Who gave himself for us,** that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

#### YOU THOUGHT EVIL BUT GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

1 Corinthians 2:7-9 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

#### EXAMPLES OF FORGIVENESS

**Romans 12:21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

**1 Thessalonians 5:15** See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.

**1 Peter 3:9** Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

#### EXAMPLES OF FORGIVENESS

Matthew 5:38-43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

**EXAMPLES OF FORGIVENESS** Matthew 5:44-48 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

#### EXAMPLES OF FORGIVENESS

James 2:13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Matthew 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

John 20:23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

#### BOTH UNDERSTOOD GOD IS SOVEREIGN

**Psalm 115:3** But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

**Revelation 4:11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

**Proverbs 16:9** A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

#### BOTH UNDERSTOOD GOD IS SOVEREIGN

## Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

## HAVE A GREAT REST OF THE SABBATH!

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