



“Limited Resources...Infinite Grace”

Genesis 37

Jan 15, 2012

Introduction

- A. The immediate, Genesis 37:2
- B. The ultimate, Revelation 21:1-3
- C. The intermediate, Genesis 50:18-20

I. The Family Background

- A. Jacob
- B. Jacob's wives
- C. Jacob's children

II. The Family Setting

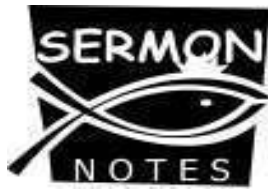
- A. Joseph's age of 17 is noted, 2a
- B. Joseph brings a bad report, 2b
- C. Jacob loved Joseph more, 3a
- D. Joseph is “...*born to him in his old age*”, 3b
- E. His brothers hated & would not speak to him, 4
- F. Joseph's dreams of reigning, 5-10
- G. His brothers hated him all the more & were jealous, 11

III. The Family Outcome

- A. Sold to the Midianites, 28
- B. Reported him dead to his father, 33

Questions:

- Will this family limit God in His plans & purposes?*
- Is God's grace sufficient or not?*



"A Great Question"

Genesis 39:1-20a

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Introduction

- A. God is Faithful
- B. God is Sovereign
- C. God is Unlimited

I. Potiphar Buys Joseph From The Ishmaelites, 1

II. The Lord Gives Joseph Success, 2-6a

III. The Temptation Through Potiphar's Wife, 6b-18

IV. The Imprisonment of Joseph, 19-20a

V. The Great Question: "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?", v9

A. Joseph's interpretation of this event, v9

B. The relentlessness of evil, v10

C. The power from God to resist, v11-12

D. The outcome of Joseph's obedience, 20

Questions:

- What motivates a man like Joseph?
- When is enough...enough?

“The Faithfulness of God”

Genesis 41:39-45

February 17, 2012

Introduction

- A. Hated, 37:4-5
- B. Betrayed, 37:23-28
- C. Accused, 39:13-18
- D. Godly character, 39:9
- E. Imprisoned, 39:20-41:13
 - 1. *Joseph put in charge in the prison, 39:20-23*
 - 2. *Joseph interprets the dreams of the cupbearer and baker, 40:1-23*
 - 3. *Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams, 41:1-32*
 - 4. *Joseph put in charge of all Egypt, 41:33-45*

I. **Signet Ring, 42a**

II. **Fine Linen, 42b**

III. **Gold Chain, 42b**

IV. **Chariot, 43**

V. **Zaphenath-Paneah, 45a**

VI. **Wife, 45b**

Observations:

- 23 years in the making, 37:2; 41:46
- The famine, 41:54-57
- Right on God’s schedule, 42:1

"Revisiting a Dream"

Genesis 42

February 26, 2012

Introduction

- I. The Journey to Egypt, 1-5**
 - A. The famine reaches the land of Canaan*
 - B. Jacob's concern for Benjamin*

- II. In The Presence of Joseph The Governor, 6-13**
 - A. Joseph's brothers "Bowing down"*
 - B. Joseph recognizes & remembers*
 - C. Joseph accuses his brothers*

- III. The Testing of The Brothers, 14-20**
 - A. The exchange for Benjamin*
 - B. Joseph's brothers imprisoned*

- IV. The Discussion Among The Brothers, 21-24**
 - A. Guilt*
 - B. Distress*
 - C. Ownership*

- V. The Journey Home, 25-38**
 - A. Discovering their money*
 - B. Acknowledging God's hand*

Observations:

- God's decrees will come to pass and sooner or later, we will all bow down.**

- What breaks a man's heart speaks volumes of a man's life.**



"The Second Journey To Egypt"

Genesis 43

March 11, 2012

Introduction

- A. *The account of Jacob*
- B. *The presence of God*

I. The Return to Egypt, 1-14

- A. *The intensity of the famine, 1-2*
- B. *The conditions for their return, 3-5*
- C. *The family discussion, 6-14*

II. Preparing to Enter Joseph's House, 15-23

- A. *Presenting themselves to Joseph, 15-17*
- B. *Appealing to Joseph's steward, 18-22*
- C. *God-given assurance, 23*

III. The Arrival of Joseph, 24-31

- A. *The honor of leadership, 24-26*
- B. *The power of love, 27-31*

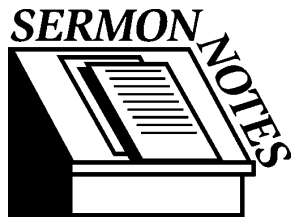
IV. Feasting With Joseph, 32-34

- A. *An unexpected turn of events, 32-33*
- B. *Benjamin's five-fold blessing, 34*

Observations:

- God's delays are not necessarily His denials!***

- Am I a "Joseph" in the making?***



The Resurrection of The Lord Jesus Christ

"...a living hope"

I Peter 1:3-4

April 8, 2012

Introduction

- A. *Historical, I Corinthians 15:3-7*
- B. *Physical, Luke 24:39; Acts 1:3*
- C. *Representative, Colossians 2:12; Romans 8:29-30*
- D. *Interpretive, Colossians 3:1-11*

I. **God The Father Has Given us His Oath,**
Hebrews 7:18-25

II. **God The Son Has Become Our Firstfruit,**
I Corinthians 15:20-23

III. **God The Spirit Guarantees Our Inheritance,**
Ephesians 1:14

Application:

- Through the Resurrection, we can live in newness of life, Romans 6:4.*
- Through the Resurrection, our life can be characterized by fruit bearing, Romans 7:4.*
- Through the Resurrection, our life no longer has to be lived for ourselves, II Corinthians 5:15.*



“God’s Final Exam”

Genesis 44

April 15, 2012

Introduction

- A. The sovereignty of God, Genesis 45:5,7,8
- B. The covenant of God, Genesis 15:13-16, 18-21
- B. The character of Joseph, Genesis 49:22-26

I. Joseph’s Plan, 1-5

- A. Joseph’s cup put into Benjamin’s sack, 1-2
- B. Joseph’s cup found in Benjamin’s sack, 3-5

II. The Brothers’ Response, 6-13

- A. Death, 6-9a
- B. Slavery, 9b
- C. Anguish, 10-13

III. Judah’s Plea, 14-34

- A. Prostrate, 14-15
- B. Speechless, 16a
- C. God, 16b
- D. Slaves, 16c
- E. Father, 17-34

Observations:

- Proverbs 27:17***
- Jeremiah 2:19***
- John 8:32***
- Revelation 1:6***



Sermon Notes

**“Joseph – Insight to
The Sovereignty of God”**

Genesis 45

May 20, 2012

Introduction

- A. Genesis 20:1-6
- B. Proverbs 21:1
- C. II Chronicles 36:22-23

- I. **Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers, 1-4**
 - A. The heart of Joseph
 - B. The terror of his brothers

- II. **Joseph Interprets His Life For His Brothers, 5-13**
 - A. God's presence
 - B. God's purpose

- III. **Joseph Reunites With His Brothers, 14-15**

- IV. **Joseph Mediates Pharaoh's Blessing to His Brothers, 16-20**
 - A. The best of the land
 - B. The best of Egypt

- V. **Joseph Sends His Brothers Home, 21-28**
 - A. With provision
 - B. With condition
 - C. With confirmation

Observations:

- Our greatest measure of success is not seen in our accomplishments, but rather in our attitude, Luke 6:43-45***

- To forgive is to set a person free and then discover that you are that person, Genesis 41:51 (42:9)***