



Worship in Song

Heaven Is In My Heart

The kingdom of our God is here Heaven is in my heart The presence of His majesty Heaven is in my heart

And in His presence joy abounds Heaven is in my heart The light of holiness surrounds Heaven is in my heart

O heaven is in my heart O heaven is in my heart

His precious life on me He spent Heaven is in my heart To give me life without an end Heaven is in my heart In Christ is all my confidence
Heaven is in my heart
The hope of my inheritance
Heaven is in my heart

O heaven is in my heart O heaven is in my heart

We are a temple for His throne Heaven is in my heart And Christ is the foundation stone Heaven is in my heart

He will return to take us home Heaven is in my heart The Spirit and the Bride say come Heaven is in my heart

O heaven is in my heart O heaven is in my heart



Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon We are going to see the King Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

No more dying there We are going to see the King No more dying there We are going to see the King No more dying there We are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King

No more crying there We are going to see the King No more crying there We are going to see the King No more crying there We are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah We're going to see the King



On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand And cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land Where my possessions lie

I am bound For the promised land I am bound For the promised land O who will come And go with me I am bound For the promised land

All o'er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day There God the Son forever reigns And scatters night away

I am bound For the promised land I am bound For the promised land O who will come And go with me I am bound For the promised land

No chilling winds Nor pois'nous breath Can reach that healthful shore Sickness and sorrow Pain and death Are felt and feared no more

I am bound For the promised land I am bound For the promised land O who will come And go with me I am bound For the promised land

When shall I reach That happy place And be forever blest When shall I see My Father's face And in His bosom rest

I am bound For the promised land I am bound For the promised land O who will come And go with me I am bound For the promised land

ANNOUNCEMENTS

and

GREETING



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONTRACTOR CLASSES

TITHS

OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Doxology

Praise God, from whom

all blessings flow:

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

A-men

Worship in Song

Ring The Bells Of Heaven

Ring the bells of heaven There is joy today For a soul returning from the wild See the Father meets Him out upon the way Welcoming His weary wandering child

Glory glory how the angels sing Glory glory how the loud harps ring 'Tis the ransomed army like a mighty sea Pealing forth the anthem of the free

Ring the bells of heaven There is joy today For the wanderer now is reconciled Yes a soul is rescued from His sinful way And is born anew a ransomed child

Glory glory how the angels sing Glory glory how the loud harps ring 'Tis the ransomed army like a mighty sea Pealing forth the anthem of the free

Ring the bells of heaven Spread the feast today Angels swell the glad triumphant strain Tell the joyful tidings Bear it far away For a precious soul is born again

Glory glory how the angels sing Glory glory how the loud harps ring 'Tis the ransomed army like a mighty sea Pealing forth the anthem of the free



When We All Get To Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus Sing His mercy and His grace In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place When we all get to heaven What a day of rejoicing that will be When we all see Jesus We'll sing and shout the victory

While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky But when traveling days are over Not a shadow not a sigh When we all get to heaven What a day of rejoicing that will be When we all see Jesus We'll sing and shout the victory

Let us then be true and faithful Trusting serving every day Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay

When we all get to heaven What a day of rejoicing that will be When we all see Jesus We'll sing and shout the victory

Onward to the prize before us Soon His beauty we'll behold Soon the pearly gates will open We shall tread the streets of gold

When we all get to heaven What a day of rejoicing that will be When we all see Jesus We'll sing and shout the victory



Face To Face

Face to face with Christ my Savior Face to face what will it be When with rapture I behold Him Jesus Christ who died for me

Face to face I shall behold Him Far beyond the starry sky Face to face in all His glory I shall see Him by and by

Only faintly now I see Him With the darkling veil between But a blessed day is coming When His glory shall be seen

Face to face I shall behold Him Far beyond the starry sky Face to face in all His glory I shall see Him by and by

What rejoicing in His presence When are banished grief or pain When the crooked ways are straightened And the dark things shall be plain

Face to face I shall behold Him Far beyond the starry sky Face to face in all His glory I shall see Him by and by

Face to face O blissful moment Face to face to see and know Face to face with my Redeemer Jesus Christ who loves me so

Face to face I shall behold Him Far beyond the starry sky Face to face in all His glory I shall see Him by and by



God Is So Good

God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
He's so good to me

He cares for me
He cares for me
He cares for me
He's so good to me

I love Him so
I love Him so
I love Him so
He's so good to me

I praise His Name
I praise His Name
I praise His Name
He's so good to me

God is so good
God is so good
God is so good
He's so good to me



WORSHIP THE LORD IN HIS WORD

Journey From Tragedy to Triumph

LESSON 6 - Are You Living Worthy of Your Name?

TEXT: (Genesis 43:1-14)

REVIEW...



JOSEPH'S JOURNEY TO EGYPT

1. Driven by jealousy, Joseph's brothers plot to kill him. Judah, however, persuades them to sell him into slavery to a passing caravan of traders.

Sea of Galilee

Mediterranean Sea

3. Joseph is imprisoned on false charges. He accurately interprets

former servants of Pharaoh.

5. Pharaoh is impressed by Joseph's wise

interpretation and sage advice. Pharaoh

sets him the task of preparing Egypt for

the dreams of two fellow prisoners.

2. Now a slave, Joseph enters the service of Potiphar.

O Rabbah

Dead Sea

ODothan

O Shechem

Beer-sheba O

Negeb

Wilderness

Shur

Joseph's journey to Egypt

6. Joseph's advance planning has

the predicted hard times.

O Rameses

SINAI

4. Pharaoh is troubled by dreams. Joseph is summoned from jail to interpret the dreams.

Zoan

GOSHEN

EGYPT

Heliopolis (On)

Memphis (Noph)

prepared Egypt for famine, but her neighbors are ill prepared.

100 km 100 miles

Bethel o

Jerusalemo

Hebron

Gazao

O Kadesh-barnea

Genesis 43:1-14 "Now the famine was severe in the land. And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little food." But Judah said to him, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.' If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you." Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?" They replied, "The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying,

'Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?' What we told him was in answer to these questions. Could we in any way know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down'?" And Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice." Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry a present down to the man, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved." (ESV)

Introduction:

In the previous chapter the scene shifted from Egypt to Canaan, where there was also severe famine.

Through this famine God was working to bring Joseph's brothers to repentance.

Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt because they heard food could be purchased there.

Upon arrival, the brothers did not recognize Joseph, <u>but</u> he recognized them.

To analyze their hearts, Joseph devised a plan that included prison, harsh treatment, detaining Simeon, and sending the others back to Canaan...

with a demand for the brothers to bring Benjamin, Josephs younger brother back with them, to Egypt. Not only was God working in the hearts of Joseph's brothers;

He was also working in the heart of his father Jacob, which brings us to our first point.

I. The Approval of Israel (43:1-14)

In Egypt, Joseph's brothers' consciences were awakened.

However, back in Canaan there is no record of the brothers ever mentioning what they did to Joseph.

Perhaps now that they have food and are away from their problems in Egypt, it will be business as usual.

Perhaps they think they can still cover their sin.

Proverbs 28:13 "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." The famine continues to be severe in the land of Canaan, and finally

they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Egypt (Genesis 43:1-2a).

Therefore, Jacob (deceiver) tells his sons to go back to Egypt and buy us a little food (43:2b).

<u>Judah</u> reminds his father that unless they take Benjamin they cannot purchase food (43:3-5).

Jacob does not want to send Benjamin and scolds Judah for telling the Egyptian official he <u>had</u> still another brother (43:6).

However, Judah convinces Jacob to allow Benjamin to go to Egypt with his brothers by saying,

If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever (Genesis 43:9b).

Jacob responds, If it must be so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and carry down a present for the man—a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds (Genesis 43:11).

He also reminds them to "...take double the money they had found in their sacks" (Genesis 43:12).

Jacob (deceiver) hopes such gifts and the return of the money will appease the Egyptian official.

Jacob has great apprehension of losing a third son.

First, he had lost Joseph, then Simeon, and now possibly Benjamin, the only remaining son of his beloved Rachel.

Finally, realizing his only option is starvation of his entire family, Israel says, Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the man (Genesis 43:13).

At this point we should note the two names used for Jacob.

This is important because when Abram's name was changed to Abraham, which means "father of a multitude," his old name was never used again.

Jacob's name was changed to *Israel*, "having power with God" (Genesis 32:28).

Yet, he was still often called Jacob, as in chapter 42 when he is called Jacob five times (verses 1, 4, 29, & 36).

This is probably because even after God changed his name to *Israel*, he still acted like the old Jacob, being weak in faith (42:36).

However, he is never called Jacob in chapter 43, but is called Israel three times (verses 6, 8 & 11).

He is finally acting worthy of his new name, Israel.

This is revealed by the statement recorded in verse 14.

Israel calls God, God Almighty, or El Shaddai, which means "the mighty God who gives and sustains life."

Thus, Israel (having power with God), was acknowledging the power of God in the lives of His people.

The statement "If I am bereaved, I am bereaved (43:14b)" means whatever God's will is, I will accept it.

This is a great statement of faith by Israel.

God is also obviously working in the life of Joseph's father as well.

When we find ourselves fighting against circumstances, unable to have our way, perhaps God is working in our lives as He was in the life of Israel.

God was trying to get Jacob to live up to his new name.

Through famines of various kinds God often tries to get us to live up to our new name, "Christian."

No matter what happens to us we must be willing to pray the prayer of Jesus found in Matthew 26:42.

Matthew 26:42 "Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.""

From time to time each of us as followers of Jesus Christ must ask ourselves, "Have I been living up to my new name or acting like a 'Jacob'?"

After the approval of Israel, we come to...

II. The Arrival in Egypt (Genesis

43:15-25)

With Israel's approval, the brothers take that present and Benjamin and double money, go down to Egypt and stand before Joseph (43:15).

When Joseph sees Benjamin is with them, he orders a trusted servant to take them to his house and a midday feast prepared.

Genesis 43:16-17 "When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house...

"Take these men to my home, and slaughter an animal and make ready; for these men will dine with me at noon." 17 Then the man did as Joseph ordered, and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.". Not knowing Joseph's intentions, his brothers are *afraid* because they think he is going to make them *slaves* (CONSCIENCE) (Genesis 43:18).

Trying to find out what is going on and fearing they will be accused of stealing the money,

the brothers tell the steward about finding the money in their grain sacks (Genesis 43:19-21).

Joseph's steward responds, Peace be with you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks'; I had your money (Genesis 43:23).

It appears the steward knew about Joseph's plan.

More importantly, he speaks to them in Hebrew, saying "Shalom," which is interpreted. Peace be with vou.

There is no doubt Joseph had witnessed to this steward about the Lord, and he is a believer.

Even in the midst of a pagan culture, and being the only true believer in Egypt, Joseph was obedient to the command of...

1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;"

Sometimes our best opportunities to witness for the Lord are during times of adversity.

Perhaps the steward saw that in spite of all the injustices and mistreatment Joseph had endured there was no bitterness or revenge in his heart.

How could this be?

When the steward asked Joseph about the hope that was in him, he no doubt responded by sharing the Lord with him.

Probably included in this testimony was the truth about God found in:

Deuteronomy 32:35 "Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them."

In the midst of adversity we have the opportunity to be either the best possible witness or the worst.

May we all be like Joseph!

The brothers do not know it but they have proved they are not the same greedy men who sold Joseph for 20 pieces of silver.

Therefore, "the steward brings Simeon out to them." (Genesis 43:23);

and all are properly taken care of, including their donkeys" (43:24).

Matthew 10:42 "And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Thus, they are being treated as friends, not spies or thieves.

Therefore, they make the present ready and anxiously wait for Joseph (Genesis 43:25).

After the approval of Israel and the arrival in Egypt, we see...

III. The Affection of Joseph (Genesis 43:26-34)

For me, this is one of the most moving passages in the entire Bible.

As Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth (Genesis 43:26).

Then, Joseph asks them about their well-being (Genesis 43:27).

It has been a number of months since his brothers first came to Egypt.

His beloved father is old, and Joseph wonders if he will ever see him again.

So he asks, "Is your father well the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" (Genesis 43:27).

The brothers tell Joseph their father is alive and in good health (Genesis 43:28).

Then, Joseph saw his brother Benjamin, his mother son, and said...

"Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me? "And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son." (Genesis 43:29).

Through it all, Joseph has fought back his tears and hidden his affection, but the sight of his only full brother causes his emotions to take over,

"so he goes into his chamber and weeps there" (Genesis 43:30).

One important fact about Joseph should be noted.

In spite of his faith and greatness, he was a man who showed emotion.

This is the second time Joseph "hid his tears from his brothers" (Genesis 42:24).

One of the tragedies of our day is most men have been taught that tears show weakness.

No, tears are <u>not</u> a sign of weakness...

they are a sign of compassion, we feel and love as God would have us to.

We find some of the bravest and greatest men in the Bible weeping, such as David;

2 Samuel 18:33 "Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: "O my son Absalom; my son, my son Absalom; if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"".

When do we find our Savior weeping in the following references?

Luke 19:41 "Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,"

John 11:32-35 "Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. 34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept."

It is not a sign of weakness or lack of faith to shed tears.

Jesus cried when He looked over the city of Jerusalem and thought of its eternal destiny for rejecting Him.

He also cried when He saw people He loved broken-hearted with grief at the loss of a loved one.

The strongest man ever to live was not Samson but Jesus Christ, and He cried openly.

There are times each of us should cry.

Tears are an emotional release valve God has given us to keep our emotional health and maintain a loving heart.

When was the last time you cried as you thought of the eternal destiny of someone you know who is not a Christian?

Hell is not a curse word or a scare tactic; it is the place where all who do not know Christ as Savior will spend eternity.

When Joseph finishes weeping, "he washed his face and came out, and he restrained himself and said, "Serve the bread" (Genesis 43:31).

Following Egyptian culture, they eat at separate tables according to rank and ethnic distinctions.

As the meal continues, the brothers notice something suspicious.

They are seated the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, so the men look in astonishment at one another (Genesis 43:33).

In other words, they are seated in order from the eldest to the youngest.

Joseph is the kindest of hosts, for he (took/sent) servings to them from before him, but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs (Genesis 43:34).

Joseph gives them a wonderful feast, such as they have not enjoyed for years because of the famine.

It was a time of fellowship and good food, as the Bible puts it, "So they drank and were merry with him" (Genesis 43:34).

Joseph has waited a long time for this occasion.

In the same way, the Lord waits for those who have sinned.

It is no coincidence Jesus describes the relationship of those who open the door of their hearts and receive Him as Savior in the same way.

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

At this point Joseph's brothers do not know who he is or what wonderful plans he has for them.

However, the same cannot be said of us.

We know who God is and what He has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Jesus has made provisions for a great family feast in heaven called the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7-10).

Revelation 19:7-9a ""Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!...""

It is reserved for family members only, and who does Jesus say are His family members?

Matthew 12:50 ""For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.""

Conclusion:

We've looked at the...

Approval of Israel,

Arrival in Egypt,

Affection of Joseph;

Now it's time to make the message of this chapter personal.

Are you living worthy of your name — "Christian"?

If not, what changes do you need to make in your life to be worthy of your spiritual family name?

INVITATION

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

Jesus is tenderly calling thee home Calling today calling today Why from the sunshine Of love wilt thou roam Farther and farther away

Calling today
calling today
Jesus is calling
Is tenderly calling today

Jesus is calling the weary to rest Calling today calling today Bring Him your burden And you shall be blest He will not turn you away

Calling today
calling today
Jesus is calling
Is tenderly calling today

Jesus is waiting O come to Him now Waiting today waiting today Come with your sins at His feet lowly bow Come and no longer delay Calling today
calling today
Jesus is calling
Is tenderly calling today

Jesus is pleading O list to His voice Hear Him today hear Him today They who believe on His name shall rejoice Quickly arise and away

Calling today calling today Jesus is calling Is tenderly calling today

Benediction and Fellowship