



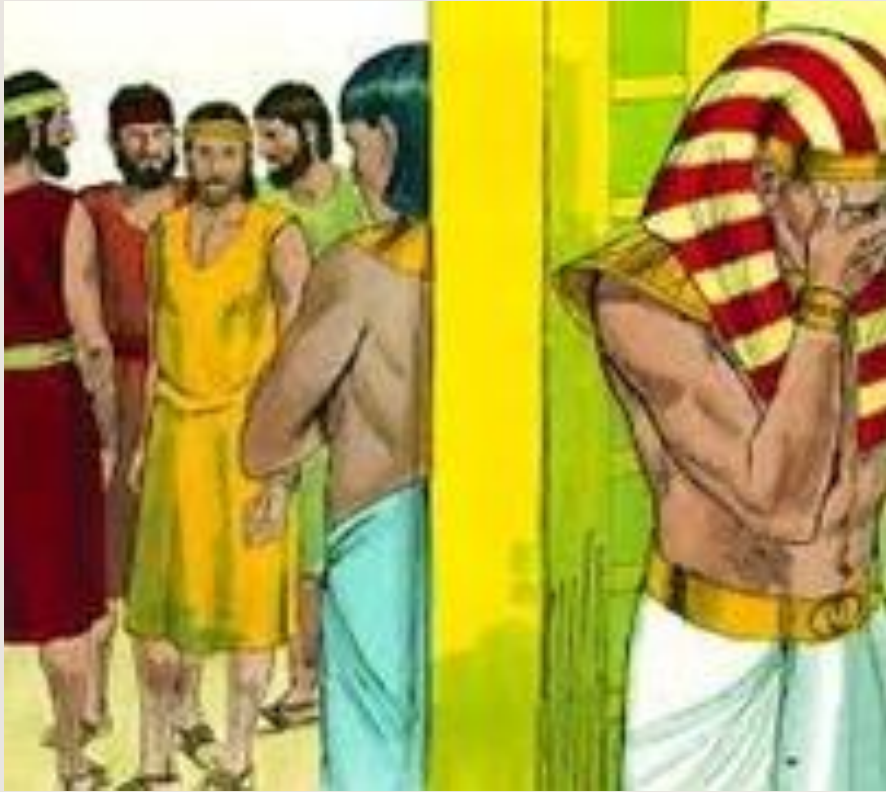
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**Dead Cow**



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# Background

- Gen 37:3 Joseph loved by his dad more than his brothers. Given coat of many colours - hated by his brothers.
- Joseph dreamed dreams and shared them with his brothers – they hated him more.
- Sold to the Ishmaelites: 'Human trafficking' to Egypt for the slave market for a price of 20 shekels of silver. Aged 17.
- Joseph sold to Potiphar as a slave. No worldly goods, no money, no possessions.

- The Lord was with Joseph, and he was successful.
- Non-believer pagan Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph.
- The Lord blessed Potiphar's house for Joseph's sake.
- Joseph recognised adultery as a sin against God – way before the 10 commandments were given.
- Potiphar is blamed by his wife (fake news) for bringing Joseph into the house.

- Banged up in prison, but the Lord was with Joseph. Whatever Joseph did in prison, the Lord made it prosper.
- The butler forgot about Joseph, but later remembered Joseph as an interpreter of dreams.
- Joseph taken from prison, shaved, given a change of clothes to meet Pharaoh. Interprets Pharaoh's dream: 7 years of plenty then 7 years of famine.
- Pharaoh, a pagan, recognised the Spirit of God in Joseph and Joseph was 30 years old when he was made ruler under Pharaoh - 13 years since he was sold as a slave.

*Gen 41:48-49*

*So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them.*

*Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable.*





# Joseph Wept #1

Gen 42:21-24

*They were sorrowful over selling Joseph, they had seen his anguish at being sold. He heard them speak in Hebrew – his mother tongue. They didn't realise Joseph could understand them as he used an interpreter.*

*And he turned himself away from them and **wept**. Then he returned to them again and talked with them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.*





**What was Jacob's View?**

**Famine - Lack**

Gen 42:36

*And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me: Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin. **All these things are against me.**"*



**What was Jacob's View?**

**Famine - Lack**

**What was Joseph's View?**

**God's Provision - Supply**



## Joseph Wept #2

Gen 43:29-31

Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son."

Now his heart yearned for his brother; so Joseph made haste and sought **somewhere to weep. And he went into his chamber and wept there.**

# Joseph Wept #3

Chap 45:1-2

*Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he **wept aloud**, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it.*

Gen 45:9-11

*Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son, Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen ([drawing near](#)) and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine."* '

## Joseph Wept #4

Gen 45:14-15

*"And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother, **Benjamin**, see that it is my mouth that speaks to you. So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here."*

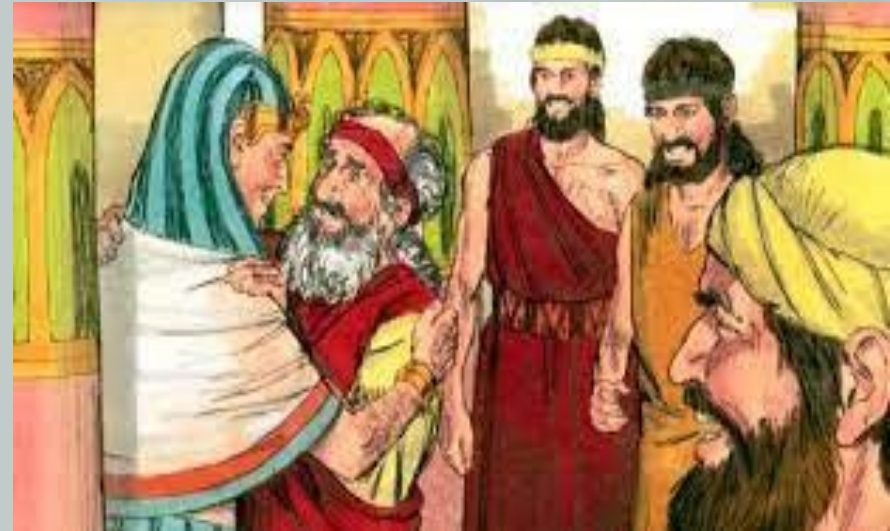
*Then he fell on his brother **Benjamin's neck and wept**, and Benjamin wept on his neck. Moreover he kissed all his brothers and **wept** over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.*

## Joseph Wept #5

Gen 46:28-30

*Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out before him the way to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen. So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father, Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and **wept** on his neck a good while.*

*And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive."*







**The land of Goshen was very fertile,  
some of the best land in Egypt**



Gen 46:33-34

*So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?' that you shall say, 'Your servants' occupation has been with livestock (shepherds) from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers,' that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."*

# Joseph Wept #6

Gen 49:33 & Gen 50:1  
Jacob's Death

*And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.*

*Then Joseph fell on his father's face and **wept over him**, and kissed him.*

## Joseph Wept #7

Gen 50:15-21

*When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him."*

*So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father."*

*And **Joseph wept** when they spoke to him.*

*Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants."*

*Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? **But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.** Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.*



- Joseph had given them Goshen, a safe dwelling place, for 17 years and they lived in harmony, but now Dad died, and they think that maybe Joseph has been waiting for this time to get revenge.
- Joseph: Don't they trust my forgiveness?
- His brothers couldn't believe that Joseph truly forgave them with no strings attached. They were 'sin conscious'.
- Joseph refuses to focus on the betrayal but focuses on seeing the mercy and providence of God.

God's will is that His people be righteousness conscious—  
not sin conscious.

***"We are made right with God by placing our faith in  
Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who  
believes, no matter who we are."* –Romans 3:22**

The moment you were 'born again', you became righteous.  
Not perfect, not holy, but righteous — right with God. How?  
By faith in Jesus Christ.

***"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."* –Romans 3:23-24**

We were sinners—we *have been* forgiven. We are now His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus! Begin to stand on this, instead of our past life.

***"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."* –Romans 8:1**

***“Much more surely will those who receive [God’s] overflowing grace (unmerited favour) and the free gift of righteousness...reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).” –Romans 5:17 (AMPC)***

This verse makes it clear—receiving righteousness enables us to “reign as kings in life.” In other words, when we make Jesus the Lord of our life, we receive overflowing grace and the gift of righteousness to enable us to reign in life as king over our life’s circumstances.



***For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor. 5:21***

Paul said, ***"And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak"*** (2 Corinthians 4:13).

It is not faith until you speak it!

When we grasp that "we are the righteousness of God in Christ," we realise that Satan is a defeated foe.

**It is finished, Christ has won the battle.**

## **It Is Finished**


There's a line that is drawn through the ages  
On that line stands an old rugged cross  
On that cross, a battle is raging  
Or the gain a man's soul or it's loss  
On one side, march the forces of evil  
All the demons, and all the devils of hell

On the other, the angels of glory  
And they meet on Golgotha's hill  
The earth shakes with the force of the conflict  
And the sun refuses to shine  
There hangs God's son, in the balance  
And then through the darkness he cries

It is finished, the battle is over  
It is finished, there'll be no more war  
It is finished, the end of the conflict  
It is finished, and Jesus is Lord

Yet in my heart, the battle was raging  
Not all prisoners of war had come home  
These were battlefields of my own making  
I didn't know that the war had been won

Then I heard the king of the ages  
Had fought all the battles for me  
And that victory was mine for the claiming  
And now, praise his name, I am free



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