

Genesis 44

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Scriptures:

Notes:

Joseph has been testing his brothers to see if they have changed. They sold Joseph into slavery because they were jealous of Jacob's favoritism toward Joseph. Rachel, Joseph's mother, had another son. Once Jacob realized Joseph was gone, and presumed dead, he would have shifted his affection to Benjamin, Rachel's second son. Joseph is going to give them a chance to get rid of Benjamin, like they did to Joseph.

The conscience of the brothers still was burdened by what they had done to Joseph, but had the guilt changed them? That is what Joseph is trying to determine.

Joseph's brothers had come to Egypt to buy food. He recognized them of being spies to test them to see if they had changed. Told them to go back and get their younger brother, Benjamin and holds Simeon hostage until they do. On the way back they realized the money they had brought to pay for the grain was in their sacks, thought God was doing something to them for what they had done to Joseph. They convince Jacob to send Benjamin back with them to buy more food. Joseph throws a party for them. Chapter 44 picks up the account the next morning.

Scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 4:3a - For this is the will of God, your sanctification...

Romans 8:29 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Ephesians 4:11-16 - And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

^{JOSEPH}
1 And he commanded the steward of his house,
6680 -

Notes:

Joseph is setting up the final test for his brothers to see if they have changed.

It doesn't matter who we are – God desires that we would change (1 Thess. 4:3a). The desired result of that change would be Christlikeness (Rom. 8:29). In addition to the Holy Spirit and His Word God also gave certain individuals for that purpose (Eph. 4:11-16).

saying, “Fill the ^{men}’s sacks with food, as much

as ^{they} can carry, and put each ^{man}’s ^{\$}money in

the mouth of ^{his} sack.

Scriptures:

² Also put my ^Jcup, the silver cup, in the mouth of

Notes:
'cup' symbol of position and
authority.

the sack of the youngest^B, and his^B grain money."

So he did according to the word that ^{STEWARD}Joseph^J had

spoken.

Scriptures:

³ As soon as the morning dawned, the ^{IP}men were

Notes:

sent away, ^{IP}they and ^{IP}their donkeys.

Scriptures:

⁴ When they had gone out of the city, *and* were

Notes:
Probably feeling a sense of relief.
They were leaving Egypt with food
for their family, the money they had
received back from the first trip, and
Simeon and Benjamin.

not *yet* far off, Joseph said to his steward, “Get up,

There is a false sense of peace that
the guilty feel when they aren’t
punished immediately for their sins.
They might even imagine that they
will escape punishment altogether.
They won’t – God will remember.

follow the men; and when you overtake them, say

to them, ‘Why have you repaid evil for good?’

7999 -

7451 -

2896 – (morally)

Scriptures:
Leviticus 19:26 - You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.

⁵ Is not this ^{SILVER CUP} ~~the~~ ST ~~one~~ ^J from which my lord drinks,

Notes:
'practices divination' – There are many legends which speak of cups having supernatural ability to impart wisdom and knowledge and prophecy. It is not likely that Joseph engaged in this superstitious practice – it was probably just a cup. It was later codified as forbidden ([Lev. 19:26](#)).

and with which he ^J indeed practices divination?

5172 – “To find something out by practicing divination.” 5172 -

^{II} You have done ~~evil~~ ^{xxx} in so doing.’ ”

Scriptures:

⁶ So he ^{xx} overtook ^{II} them, and he spoke to ^{II} them these

Notes:

same words.

Scriptures:

⁷ And they ST said to him, “Why does ST my lord say

Notes:

these words? Far be it from ST us that ST your servants

should do such a thing.

Scriptures:

⁸ Look, ^{we} brought back to ^{you} from the land of

Notes:
His logic is, why would we return money and then steal a cup?

Canaan the money ^{which} ^{we} found in the mouth

of ^{our} sacks. How then could ^{we} steal silver or

gold from ^{your} lord's house?

Scriptures:

⁹ With whomever of ^{your} servants it is found, let

Notes:

^{him} die, and ^{we} also will be ^{my} lord's slaves."

Scriptures:

10 And ⁵⁷he said, “Now also let it be according to

Notes:

¹¹your words; ⁵⁷he with whom it is found shall be ⁵⁷my

¹¹slave, and ¹¹you shall be blameless.”

5355 – innocent –
“Not liable to
legal action.”

Scriptures:

Genesis 42:27-28 - But as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey feed at the encampment, he saw his money; and there it was, in the mouth of his sack. 28 So he said to his brothers, “My money has been restored, and there it is, in my sack!” Then their hearts failed them and they were afraid, saying to one another, “What is this that God has done to us?”

11 Then each man ⁵⁷speedily let down ⁵⁷his sack to the

Notes:

The last time they did this, they found the money they paid for the grain in their sacks. Their response was to believe that God was setting them up to be punished (Gen. 42:27-28).

ground, and each opened ⁵⁷his sack.

Scriptures:

12 So ~~he~~ST searched. ~~He~~ST began with the oldest and

Notes:

Joseph had told the steward to put each man's money into his sack. But there is no mention of the money as the steward opens the sacks. What must the brother's have thought as the first sack was opened and there was the money again? The last time they were convinced God was setting them up.

left off with the youngest; and the cup was found

in Benjamin^B's sack.

Scriptures:

13 Then ~~they~~^{!!} tore ~~their~~^{!!} clothes, and each man ~~man~~ST

Notes:

'tore their clothes' = sign of grief or distress. Probably both here.

We might imagine the conversation on the way back. Benjamin, why did you do that? I didn't, he would reply. What is going on here?

loaded ~~his~~ST donkey and returned to the city.

Scriptures:

14 So Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's

Notes:

house, and he was still there; and they fell before

him on the ground.

Scriptures:

15 And Joseph said to them, “What deed is this

Notes:

Joseph is forcing them into a hopeless situation to see how they will respond. The more difficult the circumstances we find ourselves in, the greater the pressure there is to compromise our faith. Will they abandon Benjamin like they had done to Joseph?

you have done? Did you not know that such a

man as I can certainly practice divination?”

Scriptures:
Romans 3:19 - Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Hebrews 4:12-13 - For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Numbers 32:23 - But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.

16 Then Judah said, “What shall we say to my

Notes:
‘the iniquity’ – Which iniquity? Stealing the cup – they were innocent. For betraying Joseph – Benjamin was innocent, he was just a baby.

Maybe they are feeling guilty of betraying Joseph and maybe the ten believe Benjamin did take the cup. Maybe??!

“It is when guilty sinner’s mouths are shut, and they stop defending themselves that God can show them mercy.” Warren Wiersbe – page 157

The brothers have successfully hidden their sin of betraying Joseph from their father for over 20 years, but it wasn’t hidden from God. Their guilty conscience proves that God was not letting them get away with it. We might be able to hide our sins from others, but you cannot hide your sin from God (Heb. 4:13; Num. 32:23).

The way Judah approaches this situation is how we ought to approach God. We can’t hide our sin, there is nothing we can do to clear ourselves, and we are worthy of God’s judgment. It is only then that we are open to God’s mercy and cleansing forgiveness.

lord? What shall we speak?

Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found

6663 - justify

out the iniquity of your servants; here we are, my

5771 - guilt

lord’s slaves, both we and he also with whom the

cup was found.”

Scriptures:

17 But he said, “Far be it from me that I should do

Notes:

This was the final test. Joseph just told them to leave Benjamin (daddy’s favorite) as a slave and go home to their families.

so; the man in whose hand the cup was found, he

shall be my slave. And as for you, go up in peace

7965 – ‘shalom’

to your father.”

Scriptures:

18 Then Judah came near to him and said: “O my

Notes:
Longest speech recorded in Genesis.

lord, please let your servant speak a word in my

lord’s hearing, and do not let your anger burn

against your servant; for you are even like

Pharaoh.

Scriptures:

19 ^{My} ^Jlord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a ¹¹

Notes:

⁰⁷father or a ⁰⁷brother?'

Scriptures:

20 And ¹¹we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an ¹¹ ^{07 I}

Notes:

old man, ⁰⁷and a ^{07 B}child of ^{his} old age, ^{who is} young;

^Bhis ^Jbrother is [□]dead, and ^Bhe alone is left of his ^B

^{RACHEL}mother's children, and his father loves him.'

Scriptures:

21 Then ^Jyou said to your servants, ⁽¹¹⁾‘Bring him ^B

Notes:

down to me, ^Jthat ^JI may set my eyes ^Jon him. ^B’

Scriptures:

22 And ⁽¹¹⁾we said to my lord, ^J‘The lad cannot leave ^B

Notes:

^Bhis father, ^Ifor ^Bif he should leave ^Bhis father, ^Ihis

^Bfather would die. ⁽¹¹⁾’

Scriptures:

23 But ³you said to your ¹¹servants, ‘Unless your ¹¹

Notes:

youngest ³brother comes down with you, ¹¹you ¹¹shall

see ³my face no more.’

Scriptures:

24 “So it was, when ¹¹we went up to your ³servant ¹¹my ¹¹

Notes:

⁰⁷father, that we ¹¹told him the words of ¹¹my ³lord.

Scriptures:

25 And ^⑪our ^Ifather said, ‘Go back *and* buy ^{I & FAMILY}us a little

Notes:

food.’

Scriptures:

26 But ^⑪we ^⑪said, ‘We cannot go down; if our

Notes:

^Byoungest brother is with ^⑪us, then ^⑪we will go

down; for ^⑪we may not see the ^Jman’s face unless

our youngest brother ^B*is* with ^⑪us.’

Scriptures:

27 Then your servant my father said to us, 'You

Notes:

know that my wife bore me two sons;

Scriptures:

28 and the one went out from me, and I said,

Notes:

This would have been the first time he heard what his father thought had happened to him.

"Surely he is torn to pieces"; and I have not seen

him since.

Scriptures:

29 But if ⁽¹¹⁾ you take this ^B one also from ^I me, and

Notes:

calamity befalls ^B him, ⁽¹¹⁾ you shall bring down ^I my

gray hair with sorrow to the grave.'

7585 – 'Sheol' –
the abode of the
dead.

Scriptures:

30 "Now therefore, when ^{Su} I come to your ^I servant

Notes:

^{Su} my father, and the ^B lad ^{is} not with ⁽¹¹⁾ us, since ^I his ^Q life

is bound up in the ^B lad's ^Q life,

7194 – tied to =
"To be related or
dependent upon
something else,
conceived of as
being tied up
together with a
thing."

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Scriptures:

³¹ it will happen, when he sees that the lad ^I ^B is not

Notes:

with us, that he will die. So your servants will

bring down the gray hair of your servant our

^{o→} father with sorrow to the [△] grave.

3015 - grief

7585 - 'sheol'

Scriptures:

32 For your servant ^{Ju}became ^{Ju}surety ^Bfor the lad to

6148 – be security
for, guarantee

Notes:

^{Ju}my ^Ifather, saying, ‘If I ^{Ju}do not bring him ^Bback to

^Iyou, then I ^{Ju}shall bear the blame before my ^{Ju}father ^I

⇒
forever.’

Scriptures:
1 Timothy 2:5-6a - For
there is one God and one
Mediator between God and
men, the Man Christ Jesus,
6 who gave Himself a
ransom for all...

33 Now therefore, please let your servant remain

Notes:
Judah offers to sacrifice himself.

This is the first occurrence of a
person willingly offering to sacrifice
themselves for another. While Judah
was only offering his freedom, his
descendant, Jesus, would offer his
life (1 Tim. 2:5-6).

instead of the lad as a slave to my lord, and let the

lad go up with his brothers.

Scriptures:

³⁴ For how shall I^{Ju} go up to my father if the lad^B is

Notes:

For twenty years Judah has lived with the misery of his father over the loss of Joseph. He can't imagine what the loss of Benjamin would do to him.

"Judah so feels for his father that he begs to sacrifice himself for a brother that is more loved than himself."

Preaching – page 428

not with me^{Ju}, lest perhaps I^{Ju} see the evil^{xx} that would

7451 - misery

The brothers didn't take into account the pain it would cause their father when they sold Joseph into slavery and then lied to Jacob about it.

One of the reasons why God hates sin so much is because of the unnecessary pain and suffering it causes His most beloved creation. All sin harms something – it produces death of some kind.

come upon my father^{Ju I}?"

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Genesis 45

Scriptures:

Notes:

Scriptures:

¹ Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all

Notes:

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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

Word study

brothers.

Scriptures:

² And ³he wept aloud, and the ⁹Egyptians and the

house of ⁹Pharaoh heard *it*.

Notes:

I wonder what the brothers are thinking. First time they met 'the Egyptian' he was harsh with them and accused them of being spies. Then tells them they can't come back without their youngest brother. They do that and this guy throws a big feast for them. And now he is crying like a baby. Is this guy insane?

Scriptures:
 Zechariah 12:10 - And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

John 19:36-37 - For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken."
 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Romans 11:26-27 - And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
 And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;
 27 For this is My covenant with them,
 When I take away their sins."

Acts 9:3-5 - As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"
 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"
 Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

John 16:7-11 - Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

³ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph;

does my father still live?" But his brothers could

not answer him, for they were dismayed in his

presence.

926 – tremble inwardly – "To be filled with apprehension or alarm."

Notes:
 Okay, now this guy, that they don't recognize is claiming to be their brother, the one they sold into slavery 22 years ago. I can understand why they are a little freaked out. What next?

This points to an event that will take place in the future. Someday, Jesus will stand before the Jews, first in dismay, and then in joy as they finally recognize their Messiah (Zech. 12:10; John 19:37; Rom. 11:26-27). Unfortunately, they will have to go through the Tribulation first.

'I am Joseph' – a simple revelation of who he is. In an instant he was transformed in their minds from a harsh Egyptian ruler to their younger brother, whom they had betrayed. Saul of Tarsus had a similar experience of revelation (Acts 9:3-5).

As believers in Christ we all had a revelation experience at some point – when the revelation of who Jesus really is was impressed upon our consciousness. The conversion from sinner to saint is a very simple process. He reveals Himself to us and we believe.

The sanctification process is similar – Jesus reveals Himself to us in His Word, through His people, or through the circumstances of our lives, and we see Him more clearly and believe.

'they were dismayed' – At Joseph's revelation – they were reminded of their sin – they had betrayed their brother. And now they are face-to-face with the one they betrayed, and he has the power to punish them.

A true encounter with Christ should have the same effect. All sin is a sin against holy God, and He has the power to punish us. A right attitude as we encounter God is one of fear. Because of Christ that fear is overshadowed by the peace of knowing our sins are forgiven through faith in His finished work on the cross.

"The revelation of Jesus to a human heart is bound to awaken thoughts of sin. The first work of the Holy Spirit in a human soul is the work of conviction (John 16:7-11)." (Phillips, 1980) page 340

"There can be no true conversion without conviction." (Phillips, 1980) page 340

Scriptures:

⁴ And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come

Notes:

I wonder what Benjamin was thinking. It is highly likely that he had no idea what his brothers had done to Joseph. He was just a baby when Joseph was lost to them. All he had was stories.

Joseph didn't give them very long to dwell in their 'dismayed' state. He immediately expressed the grace of forgiveness.

near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I

am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into

Egypt.

Scriptures:
Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

⁵ But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry

Notes:
God's providence is mysterious. He is always behind the scenes influencing the people and events of life to accomplish His perfect will. And for the people of God that means it is good (Rom. 8:28).

To unbelievers God's providence is little more than coincidence or chance.

Joseph is a changed man. There may have been a time when he wanted revenge upon his unloving brothers but now his only concern was reconciliation.

Joseph is telling them to let go of what they did to him – because he had let it go. The more you believe God is in absolute control of everything the easier it becomes to forgive others. One of the reasons people don't forgive is because they don't believe that God will make it right. God is perfectly just – He always makes everything right in the end. Trust Him and forgive – let it go. Unforgiveness is a prison you build for yourself out of the hurts, others have done to you and only you hold the key to freedom.

'you sold me here' – Joseph is not covering up their sin – he is just telling them that God made it into a blessing. We should never treat someone else's sin as if it didn't happen or doesn't matter. Their sin is real, but it is a reality that doesn't have to be a burden on our reality. Instead, through grace and forgiveness it can be a tool for God's glory and purposes.

with yourselves because you sold me here; for

God sent me before you to preserve life.

7971 -

4241 –
deliverance –
“Recovery or
preservation from
loss or danger,
whether physical

Scriptures:
Colossians 2:13-14 - And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

⁶For these two years the famine *has been* in the

land, and *there are* still five years in which *there*

will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

Notes:

Joseph knew the future because God had revealed it to him. Those who know what is coming have a responsibility to tell those who do not.

As believers, God has revealed the future to us. We don't have specific dates, but we know specific events are coming in the future. Judgment for sin is coming to all of humanity. For those who have received Christ as their Savior, there is no fear of that because Jesus took our sins to the cross with Him (Col. 2:13-14). Unbelievers will have to stand before Jesus where they will be held accountable for their sins, the greatest of which is rejection of the remedy for their sins – faith in Christ.

We also know that Jesus will be coming back to this world to establish a kingdom here. Before He does the most terrible time in human history will come as God pours out His unrestrained wrath on a wicked, God-hating, Christ-rejecting world.

We owe it to the lost to let them know what is coming. It is an act of love to graciously tell them the truth about the future.

Scriptures:
1 Timothy 1:15 - This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve

Notes:
It would be so much better if we could go straight to heaven after we were saved. God leaves us here so that He can use us through His providential works to save a remnant of humanity from the judgment that is coming.

a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your

7611 - remnant

This is a picture of why Jesus came into the world (1 Tim. 1:15) to 'preserve a posterity'.

lives by a great deliverance.

1419 -

6413 - escape -
"The physical act
of escaping."

Scriptures:

⁸ So now *it was* not *you* *who* sent me here, but

God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh,

and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout

all the land of Egypt.

Notes:

God's plan was to bring Jacob and his family to Egypt. Could God have used a different method to do that? Of course!

God used natural events within human choice to execute His predetermined supernatural will and plan. Radical!

They sold him into slavery but for the last 22 years they have been the ones imprisoned. Their guilt was a ball and chain they drug around everywhere they went. It was the filter they looked at life and the events of life through.

In contrast, Joseph had let go of what they had done to him. He was free! His faith allowed Joseph to see God's hand in everything. Joseph had forgiven his brothers so that he could be free.

By telling them it was God who sent him to Egypt, Joseph was offering them freedom from their guilt. Joseph made a choice to forgive his brothers so that he could be free of the consequences of unforgiveness, like resentment and bitterness and fear. His brothers now have a choice to receive Joseph's forgiveness so that they can be free from guilt and fear.

Scriptures:

9 “Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him,

Notes:

‘Thus says your son Joseph: “God has made me

lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry.

Scriptures:

John 14:1-3 - Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you

Notes:

Goshen would be the home of the people of Israel until Moses came 400 years later.

Joseph invites his brothers to live near him. Jesus makes the same invitation to those who put their trust in Him ([John 14:1-3](#)).

shall be near to me, you and your children, your

children's children, your flocks and your herds,

and all that you have.

Scriptures:

³11 There ^II will provide for you, lest you and your

3557 -

Notes:

household, and all that you ^Ihave, come to ~~poverty~~;

3423 – to be poor

for *there are* still five years of famine.” ’

Scriptures:

¹¹12 “And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my

Notes:

⁶⁷brother ^BBenjamin ⁶⁰see that *it is* ^Imy mouth that

speaks to you.

Scriptures:

13 So you shall tell my father of all my glory in
3519 - honor

Notes:

An aspect of worship is telling God the Father about His wonderful Son and all He has done for us.

Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall

hurry and bring my father down here.”

Scriptures:

14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and

Notes:

wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck.

Scriptures:

15 Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept

Notes:

God's goal with His people is intimacy and fellowship. Sin has broken our fellowship with God, but through faith in Christ we can experience it in this life.

over them, and after that his brothers talked with

'his brothers talked with him' One of the great privileges of being one of God's is being able to talk to God. When people think of talking with God they think of prayer – specifically supplication (what I need) and intercession (what others need) but God is looking for something more intimate. Just as Joseph's brothers talked about the common everyday things of their life, God wants us to speak with Him about everything. God is looking for a running dialogue of intimacy. He wants to hear about everything that is on our heart, from the little seemingly meaningless to the desperate cries of our heart.

him.

Scriptures:

16 Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's

6963 -

Notes:

house, saying, “Joseph's brothers have come.” So

it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well.

3190 – to be good

5869 – good in
his sight

Scriptures:

17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your

Notes:

brothers, ‘Do this: Load your animals and depart;

go to the land of Canaan.

Scriptures:

18 Bring your father and your households and

Notes:

come to me; I will give you the best of the land of

Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.

Scriptures:

19 Now you are commanded—do this: Take carts

Notes:

out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and

your wives; bring your father and come.

Scriptures:

²⁰ Also do not be concerned about ~~your~~ goods, for

Notes:

'do not be concerned about your goods' – don't worry about the things you have to leave behind to come to the kingdom. That is a great word for anyone hesitating to come to Jesus – the things of the kingdom are far greater than anything you might have to leave behind.

the best of all the land of Egypt ~~is~~ yours.' ”

Scriptures:

²¹ Then the ~~sons~~ of Israel did so; and Joseph gave

Notes:

them carts, according to the command of Pharaoh,

and ~~he~~ gave them ~~them~~ provisions for the journey.

22 He gave to all of them, to each ⁵ ³ ⁵ ¹¹ ¹ ⁵ ⁷ man, changes of Notes:

garments; but to Benjamin ^B he ⁵ gave three hundred

pieces of silver and five changes of garments.

23 And he sent to ⁵ his ⁵ father these *things*: ten

donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt,

and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread,

and food for his father for the journey.

Scriptures:

24 So he sent his brothers away, and they departed;

Notes:

'become troubled' – don't argue or fight on the way home. There were lots of things they could argue about on the three-week trip home.

Benjamin may have wanted an explanation for how they treated Joseph. They could have argued about confessing what they had done to Joseph to their father. They may have argued about whose fault it was that Joseph was sold into slavery. Joseph tells them not to fight – be brothers – in unity.

and he said to them, "See that

you do not become troubled along the way."

7265 – provoke
unto wrath – "To
have a
disagreement over
something."

Scriptures:

25 Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to

Notes:

the land of Canaan to Jacob their father.

26 And they told him, saying, “Joseph is still alive, Notes:

and he is governor over all the land of Egypt.”

And Jacob’s heart stood still, because he did not

believe them.

Scriptures:

27 But when they told him all the words which

Notes:

"A little bit of faith will get your soul to heaven, a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul." C. H. Spurgeon (Courson – page 199)

Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the

carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the

spirit of Jacob their father revived.

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28 Then Israel said, “It is enough. Joseph my son is Notes:

still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

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