

# ☥ The Seed of God's Word ☥

## Unit C1 - Lesson 4: Joseph Forgives His Brothers

### Lesson Prayer

Forgiving God, your mercies are new every morning. Thank you for your forgiveness of our sins and restoring us to newness of life. Help us to not seek vengeance but to seek loving our neighbor as ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### First Lesson: Genesis 45:4-20, 25-28

*Many years after Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, God raised up Joseph to rulership in the land of Egypt. When his brothers came to Egypt to buy food because of a famine, Joseph finally revealed himself to them.*

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt."

<sup>9</sup>"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. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

<sup>12</sup>"And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

<sup>14</sup>Then Joseph fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

<sup>16</sup>When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. <sup>17</sup>And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, <sup>18</sup>and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.'

<sup>19</sup>"And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. <sup>20</sup>Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

<sup>25</sup>So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. <sup>26</sup>And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. <sup>27</sup>But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. <sup>28</sup>And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

### Second Lesson: Leviticus 19:17-18

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."



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