

The Adventurous Journey of Adversity  
Joseph: Living in the Powder Keg of Pressure, part 12  
Genesis 50:20

- The man who wrestled with the pre-incarnate Christ, now lies still: death's coldness creeps throughout his gnarled limbs as Joseph weeps warm tears on his cold flesh.
- Memories of Joseph's "adventurous journey of adversity" must flood his mind!
- Jacob is carried back to the land of promise and buried there. Many people ask about whether it is proper to cremate our loved ones. Burial is the best and Biblical way to care for the remains of our loved ones.
- Death of our beloved can stir great emotion, tension, and **bad behavior** in a family. Joseph's brothers fear that Joseph will repay them for their evil.
- But was there any trace of resentment or bitterness in Joseph against his brothers to "get even with them?"
- Joseph spoke kindly to their hearts and said, "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good."

1. God's **Special Plan** is not thwarted by Man's Evil

A. God had a unique and unrepeatabe plan for Joseph, and so He does for each of us.

- Job 5:7; Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. (Job 5:7).

B. God's infinite **LOVE** overrules and overcomes the evil of man.

2. God's **Sovereign Plan** is not thwarted by Man's Evil

A. Three times in Genesis 45 Joseph spoke of God's sovereign hand directing his ways:

- Gen.45:5: Ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you to preserve life
- Gen.45:7: And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity...
- Gen.45:8: So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God...

B. When you put your life into God's hands, He transforms intended evil into ultimate good. God never causes the evil, but He does use it and He turns it around to good.

C. Learn to see God's hand in the plan and you will forgive, not because someone deserves it but God in love commands it.

- God's infinite **WISDOM** overrules and overcomes the evil of man.

3. God's **Salvation Plan** is not thwarted by Man's Evil Plan

A. God used their evil deed to accomplish His saving purpose, to preserve their lives and to SAVE a nation. "To bring to pass, as it is this day, to SAVE MUCH PEOPLE alive."

B. God's infinite **GRACE** overrules and overcomes the evil of man to save.

- Luke 22:22; And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined...
- Acts 2:23; Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken. And by wicked hands have crucified and slain.
- Jesus was taken by Herod, Pilate and the people of Israel, "For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done" (Acts 4:28)