

God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as *sojourners* and *exiles* to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and **glorify God** on the day of visitation.

A. Stand with Confidence on Our Rock (Hope)

1. He showed Hessed to Jacob...
2. He showed Hessed to Judah...
3. He showed Hessed to Joseph...

B. Live for God's Glory (Love)

1 Corinthians 10:31-33

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

Genesis 45-47:28

God Helps Us in Our Weakness

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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Introduction: Salvation Preparation

- A. Threats to the Promise
- B. God's Mighty Providence (Dreams, Famines & Pharaohs)
- C. The LORD causes Joseph to Succeed
 1. The Integrity/Faith of Joseph
 2. Great Affection/Loyalty to His Family
- D. Be Careful What You Wish For
 1. Joseph's Integrity clashed with his brothers
 2. Sold into slavery at 17!
 3. Integrity in Poterphar's house...
 4. Integrity in prison! (3+ years?)
 5. After 13 years...Ruler/Pharaoh's servant
 6. 8-9 years later sees his brothers...

Genesis 45:3-7

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! *Is my father still alive?*" ...

⁴ 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. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ 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. ⁷ And *God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.*

Key Idea

If God can rescue Israel from their own wickedness in order to preserve them for himself than surely he can do the same for us.

II. Salvation Realized

A. Jacob Journeys to Egypt

Genesis 45:28b-46:1

“Joseph my son is still alive. *I will go and see him before I die.*”¹ So Israel took his journey with *all that he had* and came to **Beersheba**, and offered **sacrifices** to the God of his father Isaac.

1. God Confirms the Move

Genesis 46:3-4

³ Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. *Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt*, for there ***I will make you into a great nation.*** ⁴ ***I myself will go down with you to Egypt***, and ***I will also bring you up again***, and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”

2. An Incredible Promise

Genesis 46:26-27 (Cf. Luke 10:1? – 70 sent out)

²⁶ All the persons *belonging to Jacob* who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob’s sons’ wives, were **sixty-six** persons in all. ²⁷ And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of *the house of Jacob* who came into Egypt were **seventy**.

B. Israel Settles in Goshen (46:28-47:12)

1. Protection from assimilation in Canaan
2. Protection from assimilation in Egypt

Genesis 46:33-34

³³ When Pharaoh calls you and says, ‘What is your occupation?’ ³⁴ you shall say, ‘Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,’ in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for ***every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.***”

C. Pharaoh Blessed by Israel

Genesis 47:7-10

⁷ Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and **Jacob blessed Pharaoh.** ⁸

And Pharaoh said to Jacob, “*How many are the days of the years of your life?*” ⁹ And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are **130** years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.” ¹⁰ And **Jacob blessed Pharaoh** and went out from the presence of Pharaoh.

1. What happens to the Egyptians?

Genesis 47:12

¹² And **Joseph provided** his father, his brothers, and all his father’s household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

Genesis 47:25-26

²⁵ And they said, “*You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh.*” ²⁶ So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it ***stands to this day***, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the *land of the priests* alone did not become Pharaoh’s. (47:22)

2. What happens to Israel?

Genesis 47:27-28

²⁷ Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they ***gained possessions in it***, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly. ²⁸ And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years.

600,000 men over 20! (Exodus 12:37; 38:26)

III. Confidence in God & His Plan

1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (Ex. 19:5-6), *a people for his own possession*, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are