

# Hope in Reconciliation Pt.2

A close-up photograph of a lit oil lamp. The flame is bright yellow and orange, with a blue base. The lamp is dark and textured, and the background is black. The light from the flame illuminates the surrounding area, creating a warm glow.

Genesis 44



## Genesis 44:

1 Then he commanded his house steward, 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. 2"Put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph had told [him.] 3 As soon as it was light, the men were sent away, they with their donkeys. 4 They had [just] gone out of the city, [and] were not far off, when Joseph said to



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his house steward, "Up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good? 5 'Is not this the one from which my lord drinks and which he indeed uses for divination? You have done wrong in doing this.'" 6 So he overtook them and spoke these words to them. 7 They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants



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to do such a thing. 8" Behold, the money which we found in the mouth of our sacks we have brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? 9 "With whomever of your servants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves." 10 So he said, "Now let it also be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and [the rest of] you shall be innocent."



# Food and Fare

- Eat and go!
- As much as they can carry
- Money again returned
- Silver cup in Benjamin's bag...
- Joseph sets the terms of the test

# Pursuit

- “Repaid evil for good” (4)
- We found the money, returned it
- If you find the cup, we will be slaves
  - Very hasty vow...
- On the one who has it (10)



# Genesis 44:

11 Then they hurried, each man lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack.12 He searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.13 Then they tore their clothes, and when each man loaded his donkey, they returned to the city.14 When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there, and they fell to the ground before him.15 Joseph said to them, "What is this deed that





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you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can indeed practice divination?"<sup>16</sup> So Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we are my lord's slaves, both we and the one in whose possession the cup has been found."<sup>17</sup> But he said, "Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose possession the cup has been found, he shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."



# Search and Discovery

- Denials and a search – eldest 1<sup>st</sup>..
- Benjamin! Tearing clothes...
- “Judah and his brothers” (14)
- “God has found out the iniquity of your servants”

# Judah's Moment 18-34

- Intercedes for his father's sake
  - Our father sent us back
  - "His life is bound up in the lad's" (30)
  - "he will die" (31)
  - "I became a surety for the lad" (32)
  - let me remain instead... humility



# Genesis 45:

1 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "Have everyone go out from me." So there was no man with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard *it*, and the household of Pharaoh heard *of it*. 3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. 4 Then



# Genesis 45:

Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come closer to me." And they came closer. And he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 "Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

# Revelation!

- Tears and weeping!
- Privacy – so important!!
- “I am Joseph” disturbed, alarmed!
- ‘come closer to me”
- GOD sent me here to preserve life!

