

Hope in Reconciliation Pt.3

A lit oil lamp with a bright flame, symbolizing hope and light. The lamp is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the image, with its flame reaching upwards. The background is dark, making the light from the lamp stand out prominently.

Genesis 45



Genesis 45:

5 "Now do not be grieved 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 still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 "God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great



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deliverance. 8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 "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 delay. 10 "You shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children



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and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have. 11 "There I will also provide for you, for there are still five years of famine *to come*, and you and your household and all that you have would be impoverished." 12 "Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin *see*, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you. 13 "Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that



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you have seen; and you must hurry and bring my father down here." 14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. 15 He kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.



New Beginnings

- DO NOT be grieved/angry
 - Acts acknowledged – “you sold me here”
- Seeing the God picture
 - Preserve life – 5 more years? (5,7,11)
 - God sent me here (8); God made me (9)
 - You shall live in the land of Goshen

Use your eyes!

- Your eyes have seen (12)
 - Benjamin's eyes...
 - I am speaking to you!
- Tell my father!
 - What you have seen, share!
 - Bring my father here...

Weeping in Hope

- Benjamin and he weep
 - Release of sorrow and loss
 - All the brothers too (15)
 - And then – talking!
 - Much to be said and shared



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16 ¶ Now when the news was heard in Pharaoh's house that Joseph's brothers had come, it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. 17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go to the land of Canaan, 18 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 will eat the fat of the land.' 19 "Now you are ordered, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come. 20 'Do not concern yourselves with your goods, for the best of



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all the land of Egypt is yours.”²¹ Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.²² To each of them he gave changes of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces of* silver and five changes of garments.²³ To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father on the journey.²⁴ So he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the journey.”

Political Intervention

- Pharaoh hears of it all
 - Pleased him – God holds hearts!!!
 - Load your beasts, father and household
 - Best of the land of Egypt
 - “you are ordered”
 - wagons – easy travel, protected

Reconciled:

- When requirements are met...
- Tears, talk, time
- Follow up and strengthen
 - Parting gifts... Benjamin blessed (22)
- Move past the past! “do not quarrel”



Do not quarrel on the Journey