

Hope in Reconciliation Pt.1

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, glowing effect.

Genesis 43



Genesis 43:

13 "Take your brother also, and arise, return to the man; 14 and may God Almighty grant you compassion in the sight of the man, so that he will release to you your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

15 So the men took this present, and they took double *the* money in their hand, and Benjamin;



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then they arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph. ¹⁶ When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to his house steward, "Bring the men into the house, and slay an animal and make ready; for the men are to dine with me at noon." ¹⁷ So the man did as Joseph said, and brought the men to Joseph's house. ¹⁸ Now the men were afraid, because



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they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, "*It is* because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time that we are being brought in, that he may seek occasion against us and fall upon us, and take us for slaves with our donkeys."

Facing Famines

- Time has passed – hunger!
 - Food gone, Simeon still in jail
 - Judah makes it personal (9)
 - Could have been back 2x (10)
 - Stage is set...

Joseph's Planning!

- Simeon and food
- Money in their bags returned
- Joseph sees Benjamin...
- Brought to Joseph's house
- FEAR - money, slavery, donkeys...



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19 So they came near to Joseph's house steward, and spoke to him at the entrance of the house, 20 and said, "Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food, 21 and it came about when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and behold, each man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full. So we have brought it back in our hand. 22 "We have also brought down other money in our hand to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks." 23 He said, "Be at ease, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

Appealing for help

- They come clean with the Steward
- What is Benjamin thinking?
 - Which story did he know...
- We brought the old and new money
 - “Be at ease, do not be afraid...”
 - Your God, God of your father... (23)



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26 When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which was in their hand and bowed to the ground before him. 27 Then he asked them about their welfare, and said, "Is your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" 28 They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." They bowed down in homage. 29 As he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, he said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "May God be gracious to you, my son." 30 Joseph hurried *out* for he was deeply stirred over his brother, and he sought *a place* to weep; and he entered his chamber and wept there.

Joseph's Moment

- Receives a gift – (11)
- Asking about welfare of family
- “your servant our father...”
- Eyes on Benjamin (29)
- God be gracious to you, my son

Restoration ?

- Simeon is brought out...
- Celebration prepared
- Seated according to birthright (33)
- 5x to Benjamin – response!
- Feasting and celebrating together

