

## Genesis 37:1–11

### "Hated Followers, Useful in the Hands of a Hated Savior"

***Why does this passage place so much emphasis upon the increasing hatred and envy of Joseph by his brothers? Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. In these eleven verses, we find the hatred and rejection of one through whom the Lord was saving the very ones doing the hating. After Christ had come and won our salvation, the apostles and evangelists proclaimed the hated Savior as the climax of a long line of those whom He had used in similar ways. Now, we can rejoice over His saving us, expect that He and we will be hated by others, and follow Him with joy and gratitude in whatever hatred we receive.***

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Genesis 37 verses 1 through 11. From this be careful of our hearts how we read and hear these words for their other words of God.

Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger in the land of Canaan. This is the history of Jacob. Joseph being 17 years old was feeding the flock with his brothers and the lad was with the sons of Bill Ha and the sons of Zilpah his father's wives and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children. Because he was the son of his old age. Also, he made him a tunic of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers. They hated him. And could not speak peaceably to him.

Now Joseph had a dream. And he told it to his brothers and they hated him even more. So he said to them. Please hear this dream, which I have dreamed. There we were binding sheaves in the field. Then behold my sheaf arose and also stood upright. And indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.

And his brothers said to him shall you indeed rain over us or shall you indeed have dominion over us? So they hated him even more for his dreams. And. For his words. Then he dreamed still another dream. And told it to his brothers. And said look. I have dreamed another dream.

And this time the sun and the moon and the 11 stars bowed down to me. So he told it to his father and his brothers and his father rebuked him and said to him. What is this dream that you have dreamed shall your mother and I and your brothers.

Indeed come down come to bow down to the earth before you. And his brothers. Envied him. But his father kept. The matter in mind.

So far the reading of God's word.

When the apostles interpret this passage they use it usually in talking about how Jesus was rejected by the Jews the twelve tribes of Israel rejected Christ just like the ten older brothers projected Joseph and that God had shown. What would happen to his son when he sent him as

savior by Joseph the beloved son with whom Israel is well pleased and anticipates Jesus the beloved son with whom are heavenly father as well pleased and God would use Joseph to save the other 10 so especially for instance in the sermon that Stephen preached in what soul of Tarsus's home church, which would have been the synagogue of the, Freedom.

And and we know that it was his own church because he follows to the trial and when when Steven has stone Saul is holding the garments and that whole thing but when Steven preaches through the Old Testament very quickly his main emphasis is that Israel rejected Joseph Israel rejected Moses Israel rejected all of the prophets and now Israel has rejected the Christ himself and yet God has resurrected.

The Christ who is the Savior and that just like the Joseph and just like with Moses God's plan to save through then has been fulfilled and just like let the prophets prophesied God's plan to save through Christ has been fulfilled. So we shouldn't be surprised that when God sends his son Savior for a sinful world the a sinful world would reject the son of the Father that they would be like those in Jesus says even in the parables, this is the air.

Let us kill him the image of the Father in the Sun is hateful to those who hate the Father. This is true towards Christ, this is true towards the church broadly, this is true towards you individually as Christians. Those who despise Christ the more they see you Christ's life, the more they will despise that in you.

There are aspects of Christ's likeness that will endear you to them, honesty loyalty self-sacrifice, cheerfulness, many of the things that the spirit produces in a Christian but eventually it'll come to a head if they despise Christ, they will despise you for being Christlike but God who has exalted Christ.

As set him before us as the one who is despised more than we ever were and is our example. He suffered and opened not his math but entrusted himself to God who judges justly and sometimes a Christian wife will suffer because their husband obeys not the word and it's very interesting that the end of First Peter too where the very same lesson that we have in Genesis 37:1 through 11 in.

Has given to us about Christ and his suffering for us both to redeem us and as a as an example for us the apostle turns right around in the next few verses and talks to Godly wives and talks to them about doing that which is precious in the side of the Lord in the hope that the Lord will use it and not even guaranteeing that the Lord will use it or guaranteeing that it will be precious in the side of their husband.

So one thing is to admire how Christ has loved us that he went through being despised and hated and suffering in our behalf for us. The other thing is to trust in him. Another thing is to imitate him that we would not be surprised when those who ate of the master at the servants the Lord Jesus taught us this in many places the apostles teach us this in many places those who hate the master will hate the servants the world hates you because you're not of the world.

When Jesus has overcome the, World and the mission that he has sent us on is much like the mission that he ultimately gives Joseph Josephins that being the one through whom these brothers are hating and hate him even more and hate him even more. Get spared from the famine and so we should remember that just as the Lord has saved us through Christ who was mocked and hated and suffered.

So also, he may be intending to redeem through our ministry through our faithful witness. By Christ's sacrifice not by our sacrifice, but to redeem through our lives. The people who hate us

and so don't let your heart be embittered against them, but be like Joseph who when this is all over we'll say am I in the place of God.

You meant it for evil but God meant it for good. Right? A little bit disconnected but hopefully as you think on these things, you will be prepared for tomorrow mornings, sermon must pray. Our father in heaven, we pray that you would cause us to see how much Christ suffered for our sake that he was despised that he was mocked that he was abused that he was murdered.

And we thank you that you have permitted your beloved son with whom you are well pleased that you were willing to give him over to endure all that for our sakes. We're so grateful. And we pray that you would help us not only to trust in him and rejoice over his having born this for us but that you would also work in us by your spirit as you helped Joseph as you helped Moses as you helped profits as you helped Steven as you helped to pull as you have helped many of your servants who have been mocked and abused and even killed that you would help us whenever it comes time for us to suffer not as evildoers, but for the sake of Christ.

And for the sake of the work that you are going to do even through our suffering. Bear us up. Lord by your grace. For these are hard lessons to remember at the time and so we pray that your spirit would make this proportion of your word and the teaching of it to take deep root in our hearts and prepare us for the hard relationships and experiences that may be ahead of us in your providence, we commit ourselves into your care and ask for your help through Jesus and your children in this place say, Amen.