

I Am Joseph

Genesis 44:1-45:15

I. The Test: Silver in the Sack (vs. 1-17)

A. Joseph's plan (vs. 1-2)

1. _____ (v. 1)
put every man's money in his sack's mouth
2. _____ (v. 2)
And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest

B. Plan carried out (vs. 3-6)

1. _____ (vs. 3-4a)
Joseph said . . . Up, follow after the men
2. _____ (vs. 4b-6)
Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

C. The brother's response (vs. 7-17)

1. _____ (vs. 7-11)
God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing
2. _____ (vs. 12-13)
the cup was found in Benjamin's sack
3. _____ (vs. 14-17)
God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants

II. The Bargain: Brother for Brother (vs. 18-33)

Proof of their change:

- A. _____ (vs. 18-32)
 - (v. 31) *when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die*
- B. _____ (vs. 33-34)
I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord

III. The Disclosure: Identity of the Governor (45:1-4)

- A. _____ (vs. 1-2)

Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried

B. _____ (vs. 3-4)

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph

IV. The Response: Grace to the Guilty

(45:5-15)

A. _____ (vs. 5-7)

- (v. 5) *for God did send me before you to preserve life*
- (v. 7) *And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth*
- (v. 8) *So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God*

B. _____ (vs. 9-13)

- (v. 10) *And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen*
- (v. 11) *And there will I nourish thee*

C. _____
(vs. 14-15)

- (v. 14) *And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept*
- (v. 15) *Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them.*

V. The Truth: Lessons from the Story

A. Seeing God's hand in the difficult times of life _____

B. Knowing God is in control _____

C. Even when evil things happen, _____

- Genesis 50:20