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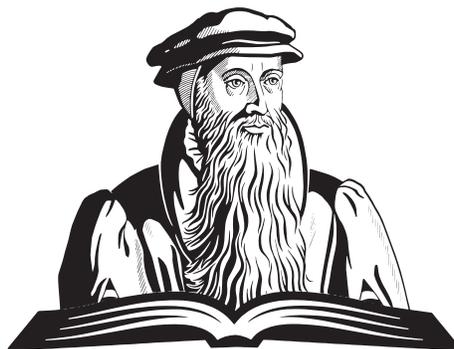
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**Joseph Loved – Joseph Hated**

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#### **40 LESSONS**

(Additional lessons forthcoming)

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01. The Bible: The Word of God
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Thankfulness
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## Lesson 23

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# Joseph Loved – Joseph Hated

## Genesis 37

### Memory Verse

*Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.*

Genesis 37:3

### Joseph's Place in Genesis

The events recorded in Genesis 37 focus our attention on a new figure wherein God opens more fully His redemption. Even though Joseph is the last major figure in the book of Genesis, this does not mean that he is the least important. Consider that  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the book of Genesis centers around the life of Joseph.

In God's dealing with man in the previous chapters of Genesis, we may notice how God often came with a covenant promise and His faithfulness to His promise. In the life of Joseph, we have a picture of how God saves His people, who are unworthy, freely. Truly, free and sovereign grace cries out in this chapter and the ones that follow. Hopefully, as we look at the life of Joseph in this lesson and the ones to follow, we will not only learn something about Joseph, but also about that salvation to be found in Jesus Christ.

### Joseph Loved

In Genesis 37:3, we read that Jacob loved his son greatly. Although Jacob loved his son Joseph greatly, this did not mean that he did not love his other sons. He loved them also. Jacob's love for his other sons is evident in Genesis 37:13-14. In these verses, we read that Jacob sent Joseph unto his brothers to see that they were "well."

As Jacob sent the son of his love to check on the welfare of his other children, so God the Father sent the Son into the "world." It was love that moved God to send the Son He loved into the world. Consider the following:

- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16);
- "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 17:5).

## Joseph Hated

Jacob sent Joseph to check on the well-being of his other sons. Those sons, however, despised Joseph. When they saw Joseph afar off, they plotted to kill him. Although they eventually chose not to kill him, they did hope to get rid of him forever by selling him into captivity.

The treatment that Jacob received at the hands of his brothers is like the treatment that Jesus received from His covenant people. Jesus came with a message from the Father - a gospel message. Yet, what do we read when Jesus came? "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11).

How sad to think that there are so many today who have heard of the love of the Father in sending the Son and still they hate the Son. Their hatred for the Son can be seen in their hatred for His people, and yet what a comfort it is to know that "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18).

## Questions

1. Why did Jacob love his son Joseph more than the others?

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Genesis 37

2. And his \_\_\_\_\_ said to him, Shalt \_\_\_\_\_ indeed

\_\_\_\_\_ over us? Or shalt thou indeed have \_\_\_\_\_ over us?

And they \_\_\_\_\_ him yet the more for his \_\_\_\_\_, and for his

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Joseph went to Shechem to find his brothers. However, they were not there. He did come upon a man who

told Joseph that his brothers went to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Dothan
- b. Midian
- c. Shinar
- d. Luz

Genesis 37

4. And when they \_\_\_\_\_ him afar off, even before he \_\_\_\_\_ near unto

them, they \_\_\_\_\_ against him to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

5. Joseph's brother \_\_\_\_\_ convinced the others not to kill Joseph so that he could return

Joseph to his father.

- a. Issachar
- b. Dan
- c. Judah
- d. Reuben

6. Joseph's brother \_\_\_\_\_ sought to make money by selling Joseph.

- a. Reuben
- b. Judah
- c. Simeon
- d. Levi

7. Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's and a captain of the guard, purchased Joseph from

the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Ishmaelites
- b. Hivites
- c. Midianites
- d. Jebusites

### Discussion Questions

1. Joseph told his dream to his brothers and his father. What was the difference in the reaction of his brothers and his father?

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2. Why is it sad to think that Joseph's brothers hated him as he was drawing near? Why is it sad to think that many hate the gospel when it draws near?

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3. Surely, the things that Joseph endured at the hands of his brothers were terrible and unjustifiable. However, taking into consideration Romans 8:28, "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose," explain why in the end, these things were for good.

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4. After reading the texts from the gospels, explain how they relate to an event in the life of Joseph.

- “And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people” (Luke 22:2).

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- “And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver” (Matthew 26:15).

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- “And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe” (Matthew 27:28).

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