

Lesson III.

JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS

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Genesis 37 : 5-28—Memory Verses, 26-28.

Golden Text—For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
—James 3 : 16.



5 And Jo'seph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren : and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed :

7 For, behold, we ~~were~~ binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright ; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us ? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us ? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more ; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren : and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed ? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth ?

11 And his brethren envied him ; but his father observed the saying.

12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in She'chem.

13 And Is'rael said unto Jo'seph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in She'chem ? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks ; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of He'bron, and he came to She'chem.

15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field : and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou ?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren : tell me, I say, Let us go to Do'than. And Jo'seph went after his brethren, and found them in Do'than.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence ; for I heard them say, Let us go to Do'than. And Jo'seph went after his brethren, and found them in Do'than.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him : and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

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21 And Reu'ben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands ; and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reu'ben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him ; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 And it came to pass, when Jo'seph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Jo'seph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him ;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit : and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread : and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ish'meelites came from Gil'ead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to E'gypt.

26 And Ju'dah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood ? Come, and let us sell him to the Ish'meelites, and let not our hand be upon him ; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

27 Then there passed by Mid'ianites merchantmen ; and they drew and lifted up Jo'seph out of the pit, and sold Jo'seph to the Ish'meelites for twenty pieces of silver : and they brought Jo'seph into E'gypt.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob met Esau on good terms and the brothers parted, with their quarrel all settled. Then Jacob finished his journey to his old home and settled near by.

Jacob had now twelve sons, ten of whom were grown up, but the youngest, Joseph and Benjamin, were only boys. Jacob loved Joseph very much and gave him a beautifully colored coat, and this made his brothers very jealous.

Now it happened that, one night, Joseph had a strange dream, and he told his brothers

about it. He said he dreamed they were all in a field, making up large bundles of grain called sheaves, and all his brothers' sheaves bowed down to his sheaf.

The brothers were very angry when they heard this, and said, "We suppose you mean that some time we shall bow down to you," and they hated him more than ever.

Soon after, Joseph had another strange dream, which he told to his father, as well as to his brothers. He thought he saw the sun, moon and eleven stars in the sky, and they