

TITLE: LOVED AND HATED

TEXT: GENESIS 37:1-11

Will you take your Bible, please, and turn to Genesis chapter 37; and you will find in your bulletin notes that will help you to understand the message of this hour. Genesis chapter 37.

We have now left Jacob after all of his struggling ~~and wrestling~~^{and} trying to find victory in his life. By the way, Jacob's name has been changed to Israel...

We now want to center our attention on the man: Joseph.... And there couldn't be in all of the Bible a more beautiful type of Jesus Christ than Joseph. It is amazing how the circumstances of his life become beautiful types in the Life of Jesus Christ. ~~The same things happened in the life of our Lord.~~ God has set forth in this great O.T. person, Joseph, as an example to us, a type, of Jesus Christ.

I would like you to follow along in your Bibles as we begin....

(Read Gen. 37:1-11)

Will you join with me in a moment of prayer?

Our Father in Heaven, we are aware of the beauty of Joseph's life in ~~terms~~ terms of relationship to our Lord. And we pray that you would help us to see Jesus. We remember that Jesus said: "If I be lefted up, I will draw all men unto me."...

It seems that we have some many ways to solve our problems. Help us to come to Jesus. We know that he really cares and that he really loves us. And he is able to meet every need that we have.

And we ask this in Jesus' name.....Amen

(1B) There are beautiful types ^{of christ} in Joseph's life.

I have one driving point; ~~and~~ ^{and} objective in mind this morrowing. It refers to what the Greeks said to Paul: "Sirs, ~~We~~ ^{We} would see Jesus." It refers to what happened to Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration... On that mountain Jesus revealed to these three disciples his true nature and glory. And Matthe~~w~~ says that they "saw no one except Jesus, himself."

And my objective this morrowing ^{and next Sunday} is to get your eyes on Jesus Christ. You know, I find that many Christians can get their eyes off of Jesus. We have been saved by His power and by his blood, but we miss Him. We are thankful for what he does, but we miss him. And that is what I hope will hapen this morrowing. That all of us will look at Jesus.

(1C) Now, the first type that I want you to see is the devotinn that Jacob had for his son, Joseph. The devotion that Jacob had for his son, Joseph. Here is a type of the Father's love for Jesus Christ. And Jacob showed his devotion to his son in two ways. And I would like you to notice them.

(1D) In Vs 3 of Chapter 37, ~~we notice~~ ^{Jacob} we notice ~~his~~ devotion to Joseph by way of comparison to his other children. It says in Vs 3 "that Israel ^(Jacob) loved Joseph more than all his sons."

How do you explain the fact that he could love one child more than another? I am sure that, if ask, Jacob could not explain it. But, God put it into his heart as a beautiful type. Because ~~our Lord~~ ^{The Bible} teaches us, ~~the~~ Father teaches us, the Son teaches us, the Holy Spirit teaches us, that the supreme object of the Father's love is Jeus. ~~Now~~

~~Now~~, the Father loves Je~~us~~ ^{yet} more than he loves any of us. And he loves us with an everlasting love. And he will do anything for us to win us to Christ. The Bible says he sent his ~~only~~ son to die for us. But, ^{Now} ~~now~~ of us are the object of the love of ~~God~~ ^{The Father} like Jesus is...

Just for further study I would urge you to take donw the following references....

Matt. 3:17 -- says "this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Literally it says, "this is the son of my love." What is the object of the love of the heavenly Father?...It centers right in a person, Jesus. "This is the son of my love." "In him I am well pleased." The wonderful pleasure of God is beautifully satisfied as he looks at his son, Jesus. And says "All my love is centered in him."

John 3:35 says "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand.

What Father among us ~~would~~^{would} not give things to his children? But, the heavenly Father has given everything into the hands of his son. And the motivation is "the Father loves the son."

John 5:20 says, "For the Father loves the son, and shows Him all things that He himself is doing."

Now, I find that my children would like to know all things that I am doing. Often times they ~~would~~ will come and ask you something and the wife and husbands will say, "are you going to ~~down~~ D....O (spell) about T..H..I..S.....And you try to spell it so the kids willn't know...."

But, here is a complete change to that attitude...The Father says, "listen I have shown him everything. My entire plan. I have shown him all things. Why?... "Because I love him." The Father loves the son,

John 10:17 says "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it again."

Now the Father wanted Jesus to die on the cross. And yet, Jesus was not forced to die. The Bible teaches and Jesus said it himself, "I lay down my life voluntarily for the sheep; no man can take my life. I give it myself" And because Jesus was willing to go to the cross to die, the Bible says, the father loves him."

In John 15:9, "Jesus said, "as the Father has loved me, I have also love you " And that is tremendous when you understand that all the Father's love for Christ, Jesus says, he has for each one of us."

Isn't that good news for you this morning? That is good news for me.

I know that Jesus loves me just as much as the Father loves Jesus. And that is tremendous.....He loves us so much that he loves us just like the Father loves the son.

John 17:24-26... Jesus is praying to the Heavenly Father and here is what he says, "Thou did~~st~~ love me before the foundation of the world. And the love wherewith thou did~~st~~ love me, may be in them, and I in them. "

The wonderful relationship of the Father to the son and all of that love, Jesus said, "I want them to have that love." Those who come to receive Christ are to love one another.

Listen, get one thing stright..The only way any of us will love one another is because Jesus is in us.* Jesus is the supreme object of the ~~the~~ love of God. God is love. And (here in) is love that God sent his only son into the world...And Jesus prayed, "I want that same love in them. And I in them." It is because Jesus is in us that we can love as God wants us to love. We haven't got the copassite to love, people. Let's face it..... We don't really care without a selfish motive....Let's amit it. Let's be honest....BUT JESUS CAN GIVE US THAT KIND OF LOVE...PRAISE God, Jesus is in you, if you know Christ ~~the~~ saviour.

You say, "Wait aminute. Isn't Christ at the right hand of the Father?" Yes, he is. But you see, God can't be divided into little catagories. So, God the Holy Spirit has taken up his home in the life of every believer. And he makes real the presence of Jesus....Jesus said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. Lo, I am with you always. Even untill the end of the age." Jesus is with us. And the indwelling Holy Spirit make it real. Hebrews 1:9 The Father is talking to the Son and he says, "Therefore, God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy companions."

Joseph was loved by Jacob more than all his brothers. Jacob couldn't explain that, but he love Joseph more than the others. And God loves Jesus above all, of his creation.

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You know when they anointed the Prophet, Priest, and King with that oil that is the picture here. And the Father anointed the son with the oil of gladness. Listen, he was happy to do it. He wants Jesus to be exalted above everything.

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Colossian 1:18 says that Jesus is the head of the body ~~the~~ the church that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. No body should come between us and Jesus. And nobody should come either between the Father and the Son. Listen, the Father loves the son. And Jesus loves us. And we get our eyes on so many different things. Jesus should ~~should~~ be supreme. And we, are all the time taking the glory, aren't we? And it is God's desire that Jesus be supreme above all of us. He has anointed him with the oil of gladness.

(2D) The second way you can see the devotion of Jacob is in the contrast to the hatred of ^{his} brother.s They hated Joseph. He who the Father loved they hated. And many times we can't understand love until we understand hate. You can't understand the grace of our Lord, without understanding the seriousness of sin. You cannot understand heaven without understanding the consequences of hell. You cannot understand the glory of light without understanding the alfulness of darkness. You cannot understand what it means to be found unless you understand what it means to be lost. God ~~always~~ always puts those things in contrast...

And did you know that Jesus taught us that the way we would really understand this love and devotion for him would be in terms of how people hated us for it....

Listen to the words of our Lord in John 15:18 "If the world hates you you know that it hated me before it hated you."

~~Oh, what a precious privilege~~ Oh, what a precious privilege when the world hates you for the sake of Jesus because you know it hated Jesus first.

Vs 20 of John 15 says "if they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. Jesus said, "beware when all men speak well of you."

And yet, what do we want in life? We want all people to speak well of us. To give us compliments, show their appreciation. We want popularity, status. But, I remind you that Jesus said "beware when all men speak well of you." Devotion to Jesus Christ will incur the wrath of the world. That is what the Bible teaches.

Why is it that sometimes Christians are so well accepted among the world? Why is that we are so well liked? Could it be, that we are not as well devoted to Jesus Christ as we ought to be? Could it be that our very silence in witnessing speaks to our lack of devotion? For, the Bible teaches that there will be times when people will not desire our fellowship because we are christians. ^{Don't Fear} But remember what I Peter 4:14 teaches: "if you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you."

Love must be balanced with an understanding of hate. How much do we really love Jesus Christ. ^{Do We Love Him enough} ~~It is going to incur the hatred of the world.~~ ?

(2C) There is a second area in which I see Joseph as a beautiful type of Christ. And that is in the dreams of Joseph.

In Vs 5-11 of Chapter 37. And those dreams can be summarized very quickly. ^{not dream} ~~You read them.~~ There were sheaves out in the field and they all bowed down to Joseph's sheaf.

Now, the brothers didn't miss the point. ~~You read that didn't you?~~ ^{and didn't you miss the point?} ~~That~~ That got the point right off the bat. You mean to tell us Joseph that all of us are going to bow down to you? Why, we are your older brothers and you are only 17 years old. And they hated him with a passion.

Well, you would think that Joseph would have learned his lesson. But he didn't. And he came up with another dream. ~~There~~ There was the sun and moon and eleven stars and they all bowed down to me.

Now, it doesn't take to many brains to figure that one out. "Oh, so now it is the father and mother and all 11 boys....Is that what you mean Joseph?"

But these dreams, What did they center in? One thing... that is obedience, and authority and submission. And they hated him for it.

Joseph indicated that his whole family would render this to him. And they did. He indicated his authority over all. Everything...

Then I read in the N.T. how the Bible teaches us that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow of things in heaven and things on earth. And that every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father. [And that goes right across the grain of our old sin nature. We don't want to bow the knee to Christ or to anyone. We don't want to submit ourselves to any authority. ~~(But the Bible teaches "submission" to God's~~ will for your life. To ^{be} humble and draw near to God and to realize the exultation of Jesus as God's great goal *in your life*

In John 5:23 we read that all men should honor the son....The Father wants all of us to honor Jesus. ~~do you?~~

Mathew 28:18 when Jesus was giving the great commission, he said this: "All power is given unto me". "the word "power" is the word "authority". All authority is given unto me.

In Revelation 5:9-14 God's gives us a view of heaven. And he has all the angelic host; and the 24 elders representing the church. All the saints of all the ages bowing down to Jesus and singing "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and glory and riches and honor"

Did you not know that it is God ultimate intention to give all of this to Jesus? In Ephesians 1:10 it says that in the administration suitable to the fulness of times, God will gather together all things into one, under Jesus Christ.

In I Corinthains 15 ~~it~~ ^{Paul} tells us that all things will be subjected to the Son. And then shall the son deliver up to the Father all that the Father has given to him.

~~Men don't want to bow the knee to Christ. And we go on in our self-centered ways thinking that we are happy running our life. And God says, "listen, give Jesus the glory." Bow the knee to Jesus and confess him as Lord....~~ *to the man who has a copy*

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~~We~~ don't want to bow the knee to Christ. And we go on in our self-centered ways thinking that we are happy running our own life. And we are much like the person who has oil on his property and doesn't know it. He can be a rich man, but because he doesn't know that he has oil on his property, he lives in proverty. That is like the person who hasn't found new life in Christ.

Then there is the person who has found Christ. He has accepted christ as saviour. He is like the man who discovers that he has ~~oil~~ oil on his property. Boy, I have oil on my lнад. I can be rich. But, the problem is that he never drills for the oil. He never tapes into the source of his wealth. *Like* many people who are saved, but they never tape into the sources of their blessings. They are saved but they still try to run their own life. They refuse to bow the knee to Christ and come under his authority. And God is saying, "listen, give Jesus the glory. Bow the knee to Jesus. Submit unto him. Consider Jesus."

Then there is the person who accepts Christ as saviour and he commits his total life unto Christ. He says "not ~~my~~ *my* will but God's will is ~~his~~ desire. He is the like the person who starts producing oil and enjoying the ~~fruit~~ fruit of his wealth. God has blessed the believer with all spiritual blessings. Are you enjoying those blessings? Do you know what they are? ~~Jesus is the sovereign God~~

Hebrews 12:2 says that we should fix our eyes on Jesus the authory and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

And the joy is that if ~~would~~ we would fix our eyes on Jesus then we would not grow weary and we would not lost heart.

If you don't see Jesus in this story jof Joseph, you have missed a blessing ~~for~~. And the Father loves Jesus and Jesus loves us.

Oh, Friend

Are you like the man who has oil on his property and hasn't discoveed it yet?.....

Discover the joy of knowing God's love by ~~accepting~~ confessing your sins and accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour. " If we confess our sins he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness."

0, ^{Like the} Are you a person who has accepted Christ as saviour, but you refuse to come under his authority. Tape into the wealth that is yours by giving Christ control of your life.

Shall we pray