

GENESIS 38:1-30

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TITLE

OF THE MESSAGE:

Keeping The Dream Alive

THEME:

God's Chosen Heritage

Keeping the dream alive. the life of Joseph

INTRODUCTION;

Read Verses 1 through 30

“Please, Do Not Try This at Home !”

The insertion of this Chapter
is of God, and Moses knowing the importance of it, recorded it.

The Ancestry of Christ is checked and riddled with sorrowful
performances, but crowned by grace

Jesus's family tree looked often like a bush.

Imperfect and questionable,
The Messiah was to come from the Tribe of
Judah (GRACE)
Not Joseph (WORKS)

2 Timothy 1:9

It is God who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

Verses 1-5

Judah's Departure to Adullam

Verse 1

“At that time” referring back to 37:36

- * *The remorse of the sale of his brother.*
- * *The great grief displayed by Jacob of the apparent loss of Joseph.*

Jacob may have shared with Judah

It's very possible that Jacob would have shared with Judah the call of God to bring the Messiah through Jacob's lineage, but of the tribe of Judah.

Verse 2-3

Apparently, a hasty decision, no dowry, no request

Verse 3

“and he called his name Er” (One who watches)

Verse 4

“and she called his name Onan” (He is strong)

Verse 5

“and she called his name Shelah” (No meaning known)

Note the first born being named by Judah, but the following two by the Shua, **which is understood that Judah began to weaken under the influence of his pagan wife.**

The practice of the Canaanites

would have definitely appealed to the flesh. They practiced the worship of hedonism (pleasure)

- If it gave you pleasure then it was accepted.
- Polygamy was encouraged.

A wife #1 to mother your children,
 #2 was to clean the house,
 #3 was to handle business,
 #4 & 5 were for sexual pleasure.

- By Canaanite law, you had to serve as a temple prostitute.
- And you were to utilize their commitment to their gods

Needless to say, Abortion was rampant.
so as to free you up to worship your god(s)

**Whenever You have a society that kills God you naturally
have a society that kills man**

When God dies in a city or nation,
Man dies

Verses 6-10 *The results of his compromise*

From Judah's marriage of a full Canaanite woman,
came judgment and rejection from the Lord (unequally yoked)

Onan's refusal to fulfill the responsibility angered God
because (He desired to rob the birth right from Er's family line which was established
through Tamar (*verse 8-9*)).

Verse 7 & 10

Some people find fault with God over this act of Judgment.

The Bible
promotes Capital Punishment,
The Death Penalty.

Genesis 9:6

**"Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed;
for in the image of God he made man.**

Interesting to note;

(The lowest crime rates are in areas where the death penalty
is strongly enforced)

“I knew a man who visited Turkey, At the close of the day he wanted to buy something in the marketplace, he reached for His wallet and it was gone. he returned to his hotel, and getting out of the cab, there was His wallet on the curb.”

Adultery;

They'll kill the woman and castrate the man.

I think it's known as the Bobbit method

Verse 9

The sin of Onan.

There are those who interpret this scripture to mean that;
birth control is wrong, or that coitus interrupts is wrong
(and if don't know what I just said, nor can you spell it,
you have no business do it)

When the Bible is silent on an issue, you be silent !!!

*Do not let anyone try to feed you that what they do or do not do is the
right way.*

Hebrews 13:4 KJV

***Marriage is honorable in all, (believer or unbeliever)
and the marriage bed is undefiled (pure):
but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.***

Our God Created the physical, Marriage union;
and it is to be guarded

1 Corinthians 7:5

Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Verses 11-12

The oath forgotten

Time has now elapsed, Judah is headed for the annual shearing round up and Tamar is back home

Verses 13-19

The motives of Tamar

Verses 13-14

According to the custom of the Canaanites, the temple prostitutes wore a veil over their heads and across their faces. The outer cover was of silks and weaves, no doubt very seductive.

Paul handles a situation in 1 Corinthians 11 where the women of the church where required *to* cover their heads because the temple prostitutes of Diana in Corinth where not veiled and even shaved their heads.

Verse 15-16

It's hard for us to understand this and

Judah cannot be excused for this act of fornication. The pressure from a difficult marriage and the trials & tribulations of his home life PLUS the merriment of the shearing celebrations all played into his backslide, he had become a weak, carnal follower of God.

Never underestimate man's
ability or creativity to justify sin...

A.W. Tozer says -

"The reason why Christians have no time to get involved in church service is because they spend their time REPENTING from things they have done, rather than REPENTING from what they are."

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissension's, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:3-7

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Matthew 16:24-27

Then Jesus said (SAYS) to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

Q: How can a dead man follow Jesus ?

A: Only a dead man can follow Jesus !

Remember... Jesus didn't die on the cross to make bad men good,
He died on the cross to dead men live

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, *by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

According to Roman Law.

If you had murdered a man, your sentence was often "**death by restitution**"

You were laid down on your face, while they brought in the man you had killed. They would take your naked backside and sew his naked front-side to your body. The dead man would soon consume you to death.

That's Why Paul Said...

Galatians 2:20 KJV

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Verses 20-23 The folly of a man's ways

O well, let's just forget about it;

*** There is always an obligation to God ***

Verses 24-26 Self-Righteous Judah sees the light

Verse 24

Have you noticed how ugly your sin looks on someone else

Verse 26

Judah was in error on two counts;

- * With holding Shelah from Tamar
- * Committing adultery with her

Verses 27-30 Keeping the dream alive

In the end, God honors Tamar's means,
for we know that through Perez, comes Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:1-3, 16

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: ² Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram... ¹⁶ And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is Christ.

The women recorded in the genealogy
of Jesus are of “appearance, questionable in moral position” at Best...

- * Tamar, a gentile, posed as a prostitute.
- * Rahab, a gentile, was a prostitute.
- * Ruth, a gentile, went to Boaz by night.
- * Bathsheba, a gentile, was an adulterous woman.

(BUT each one became strong believers in the Lord.)

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