

## A Perfect Plea!

### *Judah, the slave-trader offers to become the slave*

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Genesis 44

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#### Genesis Outline

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| I. Adam, Noah and the Table of Nations | Genesis 1-11  |
| II. Abraham                            | Genesis 12-25 |
| III. Isaac and Jacob                   | Genesis 26-36 |
| IV. Joseph and God's Protection        | Genesis 37-50 |

Theme Statement: The mark of a true believer is to put in action others before self like Judah did on behalf of his father Jacob and his brother Benjamin.

Key Verse: Genesis 44:32-33 - "For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then let me bear the blame before my father forever.' Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers."

#### A Near Great Escape - Genesis 44:1-17

- Joseph commanded his house steward to:
  - Fill each man's sack with as much \_\_\_\_\_ as they could carry
  - Return \_\_\_\_\_ in the mouth of his sack
  - Put Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ sack
- The eleven brothers departed from Egypt with \_\_\_\_\_
- Joseph sent his house steward to accuse the eleven brothers of \_\_\_\_\_
- The eleven brothers \_\_\_\_\_ the charge, claimed their \_\_\_\_\_ and backed it with \_\_\_\_\_
- The silver cup was found in \_\_\_\_\_
- The eleven brothers were \_\_\_\_\_ and returned to \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ submitted themselves to Joseph who confronted them with the charge of stealing his silver cup
- Judah wanted to prove their \_\_\_\_\_ but recognized that God had found them \_\_\_\_\_
- Judah offered that \_\_\_\_\_ would become the slaves of Joseph but Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ upon Benjamin

### A Near Perfect Plea - Genesis 44:18-34

1. Judah \_\_\_\_\_ with Joseph, the ruler of Egypt equal to Pharaoh
2. Judah \_\_\_\_\_ their first encounter with Joseph and his \_\_\_\_\_ to them about returning to Egypt without Benjamin
3. Judah \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph their discussion with their father Jacob and Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ to let Benjamin go
4. Judah \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph the \_\_\_\_\_ of Benjamin not returning to Jacob
  - a. Jacob would \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Judah would \_\_\_\_\_ bear the blame forever
5. Judah \_\_\_\_\_ that he become the slave of Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ Benjamin

### A Perfect Plea

1. The example of \_\_\_\_\_ - Exodus 32:31-32

So Moses went back to the Lord and said, "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."

2. The example of \_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 9:1-4a

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel.

3. The work of \_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 2:1

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.