

(Genesis) Genesis 37:29-33

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The sermon highlights the consequences of sin and the importance of integrity, using the story of Jacob and his sons to illustrate the principle of sowing and reaping.

Duration: 5:36

Scripture: Genesis 27:19-20, Genesis 37:31-33, Matthew 7:16-20, Acts 10:34, Galatians 6:7-8

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the story of Jacob and his son Joseph. Jacob had deceived his own father in the past, and now he is deceived by his own sons who make him believe that Joseph has been killed. The preacher emphasizes the biblical principle of sowing and reaping, stating that Jacob is experiencing the consequences of his own deceptive actions. He warns that God does not show favoritism and that believers cannot expect to get away with sin. The sermon concludes with a reference to a minister who got involved with another man's wife, highlighting the importance of avoiding sin and its consequences.

Transcript

Now, they sell Joseph, and they're taking Joseph down to the land of Egypt. And, verse 29, And Reuben returned unto the pit, and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit. And he rent his clothes.

He returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not, and I whither shall I go? And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood. Now, whether they brought Reuben in on this, I don't know. I'm of the opinion they did.

I think they said, Well, we sold him into Egypt, and he's halfway down there now. So they've got now to get some sort of a cock and bull story to tell old Jacob about what happened to Joseph. Now, what do they do? They took Joseph's coat, and they killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood.

And they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, This have we found. Know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. Pretty clever, isn't it? Why, they act as if they never had seen Joseph.

All that they knew, according to their story, which is a lie, they said, Why, we found this coat. And believe me, they knew that coat. They hated that coat.

And they say, Why, we don't recognize the coat. But do you recognize it? Could this be the coat of your son? Believe me, Jacob knew whose coat it was, and he knew it, and said, It's my son's coat. An evil beast hath devoured him.

Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. This is the conclusion and the natural conclusion that he would come to, and the conclusion that these other sons of Jacob intended for him to. But let's pause now a moment, take a look at this.

Does this matter of deceiving the father with a goat, does that remind you of anything that we've had before? Well, if you'll just think about this for a few moments, do you recall that when Jacob was a young fellow, he and his mother connived together to deceive Isaac? And the thing they did was they killed a goat, and they cooked it up, you know, made him savory meat to eat. And then they took the skins of the goat and put it on the hands of Jacob. And he went in and deceived his father.

And the thing has to do with a goat. Now, the brethren of Joseph, the sons of Jacob now, they kill a goat. They dip the coat of many colors in the blood, and they come and hand it to old Jacob and said, Do you recognize it? Jacob said, I sure do.

And so we found it up there. It looks like a wild beast or something must have got to him, something happened to him. And old Jacob came to the conclusion that his boy has been killed.

He's been deceived. Will you listen to this? He is deceived in the very way that he had deceived. Chickens come home to roost.

The Word of God says, and says it very specifically, Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. Not something else, not something similar, but the same thing.

If you sow to the flesh, you will love the flesh, reap corruption. This man Jacob did some bad sowing. He used deception.

And in the same way in which he deceived his father, when he became a father, he's deceived in the identical way. You see, when you sow corn, you get corn. When you sow tares, you get tares.

You get exactly what you sow. That's true in any realm. You care to move it today.

And it's certainly true in the moral and spiritual realm. And that's true today of any believer. If you think you can get by with sin and you're a child of God, you have another thought coming.

In fact, you better take that other thought and not do the thing. Because God is no respecter of persons. He said this is the way it's going to be.

And just because you are you, you don't get by with it. I talked to a minister, oh, this has been now at least five years ago, that he got involved with another man's wife. It was a sordid story.

As I talked with him, he tried to justify himself on the basis that he was something special of the Lord's, that because he was who he was, he operated on a different plan and by a different rule book than anyone else. May I say, God's no respecter of persons. The very way in which this fellow had sinned, it had come home to him.

God says you don't get by with it at all. If you sin in this direction, the day will come. It took it a long time for the chickens to come home to roost, but they came home to roost for this man.

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