

## *The Marriages of Jacob and his Repentance Part 3*

The loss of Joseph was strong in effect on Jacob, but he continued to favor the children of Rachel over other children because of his favor for Rachel. That is why the Lord needed to continue to discipline him to repent of his sin of second marriage.

**4. Jacob finally was forced to send Benjamin to Egypt during the period of famine:** Jacob first sent his ten sons to Egypt without Benjamin. When they went there, Joseph, their brother, met them and interrogated them, but they did not recognize him. They confessed to him that their father was alive, and one of their siblings is behind with his father, because their father, Jacob, cannot separate himself from him.

*“1 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? 2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. 3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. 4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him. 5 And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan. 6 And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth. 7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. 8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. 9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. 10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. 11 We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies. 12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. 13 And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. 14 And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies: 15 Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. 16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies. 17 And he put them all together into ward three days. 18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God: 19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: 20 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so. 21 And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. 22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required. 23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter. 24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes. 25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them. 26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.*

*27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth. 28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us? 29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying, 30 The man, who is the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. 31 And we said unto him, We are true men; we are no spies: 32 We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. 33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone: 34 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land. 35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. 36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me. 37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. 38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.” (Genesis 42:1-38 KJV)* Jacob was willing to let his family pass through the hard famine but he was not willing to send his son, Benjamin, to Egypt. He refused to send Benjamin because of his favoritism toward the children of Rachel, for his love for her.

The Lord maintained the famine and He used Joseph in Egypt to discipline Jacob and to force him to send Benjamin to Egypt. *“1 And the famine was sore in the land. 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. 3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. 4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: 5 But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. 6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? 7 And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down? 8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. 9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: 10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time. 11 And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: 12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: 13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: 14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved. 15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand and Benjamin; and rose*

***up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.” (Genesis 43:1-15 KJV)*** This event happened in the second year of the famine, which would suppose to continue for five more years. ***“6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.” (Genesis 45:6 KJV)***

Now when you read here about Benjamin, and how his father was speaking about him, you may think that Benjamin was a small child and his father was afraid to send him. Not at all, Benjamin at that time was a married man and with several children. When Jacob and his children went into Egypt during the years of famine, the Scripture mentions that Benjamin has ten sons, ***“21 And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.” (Genesis 46:21 KJV)***

After Jacob entered into Egypt and met his son Joseph, he told him how his mother Rachel died and how and where he buried her, ***“7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.” (Genesis 48:7 KJV)***

Jacob also took the two sons of Joseph, ***“5 And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.” (Genesis 48:5 KJV)*** Jacob did that so Joseph will receive a double portion of the inheritance from his father.

Jacob also told Joseph that he will die but the Lord shall bring them to the land of his fathers, ***“21 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.” (Genesis 48:21 KJV)*** In that meeting with Joseph, Jacob did not request him to take his body and bury him beside Rachel, but finally, at the time of his death, Jacob requested from all his children to bury him in Canaan in the cave of the field in Machpelah, so his request was to bury him with Leah and not with Rachel, ***“29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30 In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace. 31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah. 32 The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth.” (Genesis 49:29-32 KJV)*** This gives a full indication that Jacob not only realized, but repented, and fully accepted that his wife from God was Leah and not Rachel.

Earlier than that about the time that Jacob was coming back from Haran and about to meet Esau his brother, he was sore afraid from him and so he made his prayer to God mentioning the following: ***“11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.” (Genesis 32:11 KJV)*** Here Jacob cried to God in his distress to deliver him out from the hand of his own brother Esau who previously decided to slay him, ***“41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.” (Genesis 27:41 KJV)*** Jacob knew not what was in the mind of Esau at that moment, so he was afraid that Esau would come and slay him, especially now he went out to meet him with four hundred men and he feared may do it and he cannot resist him for Esau was greater than he in

power, therefore he pleaded to God to save him that he will not be destroyed by Esau and his men. Now Jacob was in panic therefore he was crying to God and poured out himself before him and was telling him his fear from Esau who may come and smite him and smite his wives and children, and his family will be destroyed. Notice here that Jacob in his prayer to God, mentioned ***“the mother”***, singular and not pleural, being aware polygamy is sin and in his prayer to God he behaved, especially he was in distress and needed God to help him to protect him from the threat of Esau. The Hebrew word for ***‘mother’*** is ***‘em’***, which means mother. But which one of the four he meant; Leah his first wife and this most likely because he knew she was his first and the lawful one, and I don’t think he was deceived that Rachel his second wife was the lawful one.

The question here is this: If Jacob had repented and accepted Leah was his wife then why he did not send his other children from Rachel and his concubines away from the children of Leah? The Scripture tells us about the death of both Rachel and Leah and their places of burial, but the Scripture not tells us about the fate of his concubines, Bilhah and Zilpah. What is clear from the Scripture that Jacob when he entered Egypt was without wife for the Scripture did mention the wives of his children but did not mention he was with a wife: ***“5 And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.” (Genesis 46:5 KJV)*** If he had any wife with him then the Scripture would mention that since the Scripture mentioned the wives of his sons.

Jacob entered Egypt and his age was one hundred and thirty years, ***“7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou? 9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.” (Genesis 47:7-9 KJV)*** Jacob stayed in Egypt seventeen years until his death and he died at the age of one hundred and forty seven years, ***“28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.” (Genesis 47:28 KJV)*** So he lived after the death of his wives for his children as a single father, separated himself from other women and so was able to keep all his children from his four wives.

There was another reason restricted Jacob from marrying another woman because of the covenant that he made with Laban on mount Gilead, in which Jacob swore and agreed about the content of it: ***“44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. 45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. 46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. 47 And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. 48 And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed; 49 And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. 50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee. 51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee: 52 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. 53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the***

*fear of his father Isaac. 54 Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount. 55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.” (Genesis 31:44-55 KJV)*

Abraham did not keep his children from other wives or concubines because God had instructed him to send them away from Isaac so they will not disturb as he instructed him and Abraham did in sending Hagar and Ishmael away. As well as Abraham did not keep his children from other wives or concubines in obedience to God who promised him that through Isaac whom Sarah will give birth God shall establish His covenant with him and with his seed after him: **“19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.” (Genesis 17:19 KJV) “5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.” (Genesis 25:5 KJV)** In this all, which Abraham settled upon Isaac, he included the promise of the land of Canaan, and the entail of the covenant, to be given to Isaac and to his seed after him. As God has already made Abraham the heir of the promise, Abraham, therefore, made Isaac the heir of his estate.

But Jacob was able to keep all his children with him because God did not instruct him to send them away, and second because Jacob towards the end of his life had kept himself clean from immorality and the sin of adultery that he committed by multiple marriages by keeping himself pure living away from women.

**My Dear and Beloved:** The Scripture make things clear to us. Multiple marriages or multiple partners is sin because the persons who are involved with such are committing adultery, and this adultery will not be atoned by the blood of Jesus if they keep themselves together and keep sinning by keeping that relationship.

To those who want to repent from such sin, they need to separate themselves from their partners and live to care and raise up their children in the ways of God. The example of Jacob is a suitable example that we can adopt the way he repented to those who are willing to live their lives unto God and cleanse themselves and their families from immoralities. **Those who are involved with multiple marriages and having children from multiple partners and are not willing to repent and follow the model that we have in the Scripture then there will be no place for them among us unless upon their repentance from such a sin.** We need to keep a clear example and we need to make things clear to our families, and to our brethren, the members of the congregations of the church. Let us pray ...

**My Prayer:** Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your teaching and thank you for all the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message for my own good and benefit and for the benefit of my family and children.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your worldliness, the lust of your eyes and your love for worldly things. Confess and renounce your emotions and following your own will and plan and not the will and the plan of God. Confess your marriage with nonbelievers and your own choice and not the choice of God. Confess and renounce your multiple marriages and multiple relationships. Confess and renounce the sin of favoritism between your children. Confess and renounce your lack of prayers and reading the

Word of God. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins  
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Lord I commit myself to follow the teaching that we received in this message and to implemented in my life and in the life of my family and the ministry under my care. Lord sustain me with your grace and protect me as I commit myself to serve you and to suffer for your cause and purpose.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, especially the sin of multiple marriages and are willing to set their life right before you. Lord I pray for others who still not repented and is doing their own will. Lord convict them of their sin and teach them your ways and grant them repentance so they will follow your will and do what is right in your sight.

Lord, bless us as your church. and help us to continue to teach and implement the teaching that we received in this message. Give us wisdom, patient and understanding how to deal with those who are involved with the sin of multiple marriages and multiple partners and having children from them. Lord I pray for more Godly marriages and Godly families to be formed in our church. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord take the message and spread it to reach all the members, workers, congregations, the families of the church, and others who need your Word. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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