

Genesis: The Key to the Bible
(Part 53) Guilt, Fear, Forgiveness, and the Future

If you're _____ and unforgiving, you're not obeying the two great commandments, to love God and to love others.

Bitterness not only _____ God; when it spreads to others, many will be affected (Heb. 12:15).

if we want to please God, we must ask, "How can we root out bitterness and truly forgive those who have wronged us?"

Joseph had to avoid bitterness and learn to _____.

He had been repeatedly _____, but he didn't develop a _____ of bitterness.

(Genesis 50:14-21) After his father Jacob's death, Joseph's brothers began to _____

(v.14) Time to move forward

(v.15-17b) They couldn't forget how they had _____ him.

They knew that he had forgiven them _____ years before. (45:4-8)

Now that Jacob was dead, would Joseph pay them back for all the wrong they had done to him?

They sent a _____ of the brothers with a message

Before their father died, he had instructed them to tell Joseph to forgive their sin against him.

Jacob would have surely talked _____ to Joseph if he had been concerned about the matter if it were true

(v.17c-21) Joseph's response shows that he _____ had forgiven his brothers

(v.17c) Joseph is _____ that his brothers still have not believed his forgiveness for them

(v.18 -21) Joseph didn't forget that he was not in _____ place

The Lord says, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:19)

(v.19) Joseph allowed God to be the _____ of his brothers and of himself.

(v.20) Nothing, including the evil deeds of wicked men, can _____ God's plan.

(v.21) Joseph could have made his brothers pay dearly for their sin.

He could have enslaved, imprisoned, or killed them and their children.

He could have let them sweat under the fear that someday the axe might fall.

Joseph reassured his brothers with the words, "Do not be afraid."

The real test of forgiveness is when you have the power to make the other person _____, but you choose not to use it.

Forgiveness _____ the wrongs others have done without exacting payment.

If there's payment, there's no need for forgiveness.

(v.22-26) Joseph's death