

Good Morning Belfield Baptist Church Family and Friends.  
Sunday – August 30, 2020.

**Our Verse for the day: Ephesians 4:31-32 (KJV) <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: <sup>32</sup> And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

Our devotion today as with each Sunday is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for August 30, 2020.

### **GENESIS 37:1-11**

### **HATE: IT CAUSE**

There are two approaches to the subject of hate; we could look at it in the light of our hate for other people or we can look at it in the light of other people hate toward us.

It would be good to say that everybody loved one another. This would be the ideal concept that Jesus taught us to do, but it is not so.

Why hate, what causes hate?

Do you ever feel like someone hates you and you do not know the reason why? Moreover, you have searched for some reason, and still cannot come up with an answer?

It is impossible to give you a complete answer; there are many reasons that cause hate. Let us look at the text and see some reasons for hate in this situation.

Joseph was one person that managed to turn his brothers against him without really trying. Let us look at this 17-year-old boy and see what cause his brothers to turn against and hate him.

1. In verse 2, we find the first thing that was wrong with him. He was a tattler. Gen. 37:2 KJV **These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.** As we read this, we must imagine that Joseph

would come home and tell his father what his brothers were doing wrong. Because of his mouth, his brother hated him.

*It was not only Joseph's tongue that got him in trouble, ours does the same today.*

James says that if we cannot bridle our own tongue, then we deceive our selves. The Psalmist says in Psalm 39:1 **I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.**

When we come to the subject of tattling, we come to a very thin line. If we tell on someone for their own good, this is one thing, but if we tattle on someone because we do not like them, it is wrong. What we do, needs to be done with love.

2. The second thing that made the brothers turn against Joseph, was his father loved him more than he loved the other children. This is enough to turn anyone against someone else.

His father made him a coat of many colors. This coat was not a regular coat; it was a coat of leadership long and full at the sleeves.

Parents and grandparents, this should be a warning to all of us.

3. Joseph was a bragger. He had two dreams.

a. The sheaves bowed down to his sheaf. Gen 37:7 **For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.**

b. The sun and stars made obedience to him. Gen. 37:9 **And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.**

Joseph told his brothers that they would all bow down to him, and this made them hate him even more.

Three things that caused Joseph's brothers to turn against him.

- 1: Tattler
2. Bragger

3. His father was partial toward him.

As we move through the COVID-19, let us remember there is no room for hate in the Lord's Work.

Today, Aug. 30 as you pray, pray that no Christian will be the cause of hating one another in the church that you attend.