

Good Morning Belfield Baptist Church Family and Friends.

Sunday – Sept. 6, 2020.

Our Verse for the day: John 14:23 (KJV) ²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Our devotion today as with each Sunday is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for September 6, 2020.

GENESIS 37:12-36 The Results of Hate

Last Sunday I talked about the first part of this chapter and saw some things that cause hate, and the effects it has upon people. Today I want us to look at the results of hate when it lingers on in a person.

This is not only a problem in the Bible; it is a problem in our day as well. We find too many people in our society that hates one another.

Whenever I speak of hate, I am speaking of something that goes completely against the will of God in all ways and under all conditions. The Bible tells us we are to love one another and there is no room for hate in the Christian life. This is one of the main teachings that we have. We are to love one another. John 15:12: **This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.**

Let us now look at Joseph's brothers and see what they did or were thinking in their hearts.

I. Verse 18: And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

This is one of the worse effects of hate. Whenever we hate someone bad enough that we want to kill him or her or wish they were dead. Jesus said in Mat. 5:28 **But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.** That also applies to hate or any other sin.

What is so bad about this is that many times we will kill someone and not really realize it with hate.

a. Physical death. Murder. This is what the brothers wanted to do.

b. Spiritual death. We can kill someone this way. Whenever we tear someone down talking about them, in a sense we are killing them. We can kill someone with our mouth faster than anything else can. As I said a few weeks ago, once it leaves the mouth, it is there forever. They meant to murder Joseph.

II. This hate leads to lying. Verse 20: **Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.** Whenever hate becomes strong enough it will lead us to lie about other things. They were not only going to kill their brother; they were also going to lie to their father about the situation.

III. After some time had passed and they saw a way of making some money on the side, they decided to sell him to a group of Midianites. Verse 28: **Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.**

IV. The brothers then killed a baby goat, dipped the coat in it, and took it to their father. Verse 33: **And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.**

Upon hearing this, Jacob became very sorry full and mourned for his son many days.

Joseph is sold into slavery and ends up in Egypt.

What shall we say about hate? I John 3:15 says it better than any of us. **Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.**

This is a major problem in our world today. Teen suicide, terrorist, families, and the list go on. We must love one another.

As we move through the COVID-19, Let us love one another, and seek to Love God as He loves us.

Today, Sept. 6 as you pray, Pray for the pastors and lay leaders in your church and all the churches

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