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**FORGIVE & FORGET**

**Genesis 41:50-54**



# EPHRAIM & MANASSEH

GENESIS 48



## Genesis 41:50-54 (KJV)

**50** And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.

**51** And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

**52** And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

**53** And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

**54** And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.



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- ***"To forget" in the Bible= "no longer to be influenced by or affected by."***
  - *"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" -Heb. 10:17*
  - **He is not suggesting that He will conveniently have a bad memory!**
    - **This is impossible with God.**

**God is saying,** *"I will no longer hold their sins against them.*

*Their sins can no longer affect their standing with Me...  
...or influence My attitude toward them."*



**Isaiah 43:25, ESV**

I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

**2 Corinthians 5:19, NLT**

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

**Hebrews 10:17, NLT**

Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.

**Psalms 103:11-12, ESV**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**Hebrews 8:12, NLT**

And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.



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**HOW TO FORGIVE  
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# HOW TO FORGIVE

- There are Many Examples in the Bible
- I Think One of the Greatest is Joseph
- He Truly Modeled this Godly Principle
  - Look at His Life Journey

# LIKE GOD

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## Genesis 37-50

- **Promise -dream -started**
- **Pit -stalled -became nightmare**
- **Potiphar -stalled**
- **Prison -stalled**
- **Palace -dream – started again**
- **Proof -stretched**

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# THE LORD FORGIVES LORD FORGETS

**Instead of Focusing on the Hand that Brought the Problems  
...He Focused on the Hand that Brought the Promise  
He Realized that God Used His Problems  
As a Vehicle to Bring Him Into the Promise**



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And they came near. And he said unto them, I am Joseph, whom ye sold into Egypt.

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**He Acknowledged the...**

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## Romans 8:28 (AMP)

5 Now therefore be not grieved, for God will surely give us a just recompense of ours, though we are afflicted in every way, because of our ungodliness. God is true, though every man be false. He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able to bear: but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that we may be able to bear it. Therefore whosoever is loved by God, he will be tried, and will be strong, and will not be ashamed, because he has loved him who has loved him. Therefore we may be confident, that whatsoever things we shall desire, these we shall receive, because he that is in us will prevail against him that is against us. Therefore we may be confident, that whatsoever things we shall desire, these we shall receive, because he that is in us will prevail against him that is against us.

28 We are assured *and* know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together *and* are [fitting into a plan] for good to *and* for those who love God and are called according to [His] design *and* purpose.

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- **Position** -brought me to a place of...
  - **Productive** -*Again*
  - **Plenty** -*More Productive than before the Offense*



## Genesis 50:8-21 (KJV)

**18** And his brethren also went ~~and~~ down before his face, and they said, ~~Behold, we be thy servants.~~<sup>19</sup> And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for ~~am I in the place of God?~~

**20** But as for you, ye thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good, ~~to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.~~ Now therefore fear ye not, ~~will I nourish you, and your little ones.~~ And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.



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