

How Shall I Go Up Without You?

Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

- Judah means praise, no matter how you feel praise accesses the throne room. God inhabits the praises of his people. Psalm 22:3
- Notes the disparity of Judah but praise allows him to draw closer.
- Declaring a word, a praise or a promise is transforming.
- Once again a Christological comparison, as Joseph was to pharaoh so is Jesus to the Father. Jesus said, "if you have seen me you have seen the father" John 14:9

¹⁹ My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

- God need not ask questions to things he has the answer to, but to get us to think about our answer. "Children have you any meat?"

²⁰ And we said unto my lord, we have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

- Listen carefully to his answer and you will find the issues of his heart.

- His brother is dead? Or he is as good as dead and he no longer is a part of our daily lives.
- His father loveth him, why wouldn't he or as it was with Joseph so it is with Benjamin he too is favored over us.

²¹ And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. ²² And we said unto my lord, the lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

- The clinging to Benjamin is understandable, but not totally expressed and it will give Joseph closure on the seemingly abandonment of his Father. Once again a Christological comparison Josephs misunderstanding of the abandonment and Jesus words, Father, Father why has thou forsaken me"

²³ And thou saidst unto thy servants, except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

²⁴ And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

- Remember Joseph's words concerning his Father's house. Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. Yet he now plans to keep Benjamin which would be a constant reminder. What does he want to forget must be confronted and then go on with his life?

²⁵ And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food. ²⁶ And we said, we cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with

us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

- The partiality and seemingly unconcern for Simeon was incredulous. Not a word concerning till they all ran out of food. Jacob loved Rachel so much so he is emotionally disconnected from the children he has had by Leah and his other concubines.

27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons:

- He never wanted to marry Leah but he didn't mind sleeping with LEAH. What a devastating thing to say to sons that wanted the love and affirmation from Jacob they obviously never received. Joseph is intensely listening.

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

- For the first time Joseph is hearing the emotions and understanding his father has on his capture. The devils lies now are exposed and Joseph will be free by the truth of this testimony!

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

- Joseph hears from Judah's account that the loss of Benjamin as well as the loss of himself will literally kill his father. Joseph now understands his father has been grieving over him since he's been gone.

³⁰ Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

- So it is with the Father as well as the son “his life is bound up in our life”. Our success and failures our Father emphasizes with us and wants to desperately be a part of our lives. The Father wants Benjamin home and the son his brother wants to fellowship with him. Our time on earth is short we must all come home. It is the wishes of the Father.

³¹ It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

- Jesus, I have lost none! Except. Jesus sensitivity to the Fathers desire for his sons to eventually come home. Remember Jesus said this prior to Peter’s denial. I saw the daystar arise in his heart - it’s done- 2nd Peter 1:19

³² For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, if I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father forever.

- Joseph see's for the first time maturity but not wholeness but a start. The willingness to take responsibility at one's own expense.

³³ Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

- The Apostle Paul had like sentiments concerning his unsaved brothers and sisters....I have deep sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my own flesh and blood, the people of Israel.

³⁴ For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? Lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

- Our time to prepare to go home is now. As never before have the signs of the times pointed to the soon return of Jesus Christ. "For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me.