

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:21-36

Jacob's Prayer Confined His Children from Sinning

The cry of Joseph broke the heart of Ruben. He intended to put Joseph in a waterless pit and later take him home. But by the counsel of Judah, Joseph was sold as a slave to the Ishmaelites who had come from the land of the Midianites. They stained the garment of Joseph with the blood of a goad and told their father that a wild animal had killed Joseph. The Midianites sold Joseph to Potiphar, a man who was an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard. In this manner God saved Joseph from the scheme of his brothers to kill him.

Question:

Though God saved Joseph from being killed, he was sold as a slave? Did satan win? What about the dream of Joseph?

Answer:

It's a good question to put forth. It is common to have such questions until one understands the ways and power of God. Our God is almighty, all knowing and sovereign. None can hinder his plans and rise against him. Since God has given self will to man and since man gives place to the devil through this self will, it seems for a moment that the devil is victorious. To know the actual winner, we have to wait with patience. Therefore, the answer for today's questions is, "Our God is almighty; we have to wait with patience for the next few days to know the answer".

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalms 46:10

Prayer

Dear father, you are with us even at times of problems, failure and shortcomings. Fulfill Your will through us Lord. Amen