

Scripture Reading: Genesis 49:22-26

Joseph – a fruitful vine

Though there are many blessings in the above-mentioned verses, we will meditate upon the 22nd verse. Joseph:

1) A fruitful vine:

Even from his childhood, Joseph was very fruitful in all situations. When his brothers hated him, he loved them. He guarded his holiness in the house of Potiphar. He was happy even in the prison and helped the people there.

2) He's a fruitful vine near a spring

It is not difficult for a tree by a spring to bear fruits. When all questioned saying, 'How can I live without sinning?' Joseph's question was a little different. He said, "How can I sin against my God?"

3) His branches climb over a wall

In order to climb over a wall there is always a need for a support. But here Joseph climbs over the wall against the gravitational force. There's nothing that can pull him down.

Question:

In a world full of sin, even though the brothers of Joseph fell into its trap, how could Joseph stand firm?

Answer:

In February 18th article we concluded that Joseph's love for God was the reason for his spiritual success. That's true; it was that love that brought forth spiritual fruits in his life. Along with that the presence of God through the anointing of the Holy Spirit gave him the might to overcome. That's the reason we often come across the phrase, "God was with Joseph", when we read about him in the bible. If not for God's presence, the gravity of this world will pull us along with its course. That is why David, though he loved God so much fell into sin. We shall study on it later. Even in our life, if we have the presence of God with us, we shall overcome flesh, this world and all the demonic forces by His power and we shall live a fruitful life.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing". John 15:5

Prayer

Jesus, be with us just as You were with Joseph. Give us the strength to hate and flee from sin. Amen