

The Honor of Forgiving

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-28

When you look at the life of Joseph, his brothers were envious of him and hated him; and thus they separated him from his father and sold him as a slave. He reached a strange land and was a slave servant in the house of man named Potiphar. There he was later imprisoned for not compromising with sin. He had to go through all this because of his brothers.

When someone does anything against us we tend to have it in our hearts throughout our life time and murmur against them. We would be waiting for an opportunity or even planned to work against them. Isn't it true...? We usually have the tendency to settle the scores.

Though the brothers of Joseph sold him as a slave, and though Joseph had to go through a lot of hardships because of them, he never had vengeance against them. He forgave and accepted them. He spoke to them with love. He said to them, "God has sent me here to keep you and your families alive, so that you will become a great nation. Yes, it was God who sent me here, not you! And he has made me a counselor to Pharaoh and manager of this entire nation, ruler of all the land of Egypt". He loved his brothers just the way he had loved them before.

Can you forgive those who have sought to harm you? Can you help them? The children of this world will pursue evil after evil. But the children of God will love even those who've intended for evil. Seek God's help to live as His child. God will surely help you in your weakness.

Questions:

- 1) What did the brothers of Joseph do? What did Joseph do?
- 2) What will the children of this world do?
- 3) What will the children of God do?