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**Lesson # 5 September 27, 2022, to September 25, 2022**

**Unit I:** GOD Calls Abraham's Family

**Subject:** The Scepter is given to Judah

**Topic:** Dynamics of Family Leadership

**Text:** Genesis 35:22b-26; 38:24-26; 49:10-12

**Key Verse:** "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be (Genesis 49:10, KJV)."

**Lesson Pointers**

- 1) The Sons of Jacob (Genesis 35: 22b-26)
- 2) Judah's Infidelity is Revealed (Genesis 38:24-26)
- 3) Jacob's Blessing to Judah (Genesis 49:10-12)

**Introduction**

Now, a dysfunctional family is one in which there is an absence of genuine love, commitment, and relational harmony for one another. The pandemic that GOD allowed to happen in the world brought to light the very horrors of widespread family dysfunction in America and around the world. GOD revealed to us all that this dysfunction of families is not only a problem for Black Americans but for all families regardless of their skin color or ethnic. You, see, this is a real breakdown in the relationships between men and woman (men wanting to be women and women wanting to be men), husbands and wives not taking the responsibilities to lead as parents which leads to a breakdown in the family structure. This is a problem even among Christians who attend church service regular; Jacob's sons was a great cause of family dysfunction because they were filled with jealousy, anger, resentment, and hostility which lead to them sinning, but the good news is that the closer you stay to JESUS CHRIST, the more your faith grows in JESUS CHRIST which allows you to survive your marital and family problems. GOD'S purpose of redemption for HIS chosen family would be carried, out to fulfillment. GOD'S words will not return to HIM void; it will accomplish that which it was sent to accomplish.

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- The Sons of Jacob (Genesis 35: 22b-26)

Jacob's wife born him twelve sons, and Rachel died giving birth to Jacob's youngest son Benjamin. This caused Jacob to be heartbroken, but a new sorrow would soon follow this one. Ruben, Jacob's oldest (firstborn) son, would sleep with one of Jacob's secondary wives, Bilhah (Genesis 35:22b). Now the sons of Leah, Jacob's first wife are Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun (Genesis 35:23). The sons of Rachel were Joseph, and Benjamin (Genesis 35:24). Now the sons of Rachel's handmaid Bilhah were Dan, and Naphtali (Genesis 35:25). The sons of Leah's handmaid Zilpah were Gad, and Asher; these were the sons of Jacob that were born to him in Padanaram (Genesis 35:26). Although the dysfunction of Jacob's family would not stop GOD'S promise. GOD never turned back on HIS promises to bless Abraham's descendants.

## Lesson Pointer # 2

- Judah's Infidelity is Revealed (Genesis 38:24-26)

Judah slept with his daughter-in-law Tamar, thinking, that she was a harlot or a prostitute. Now, after learning that Tamar was pregnant, Judah showed a lack of spiritual insight by condoning his sin (saying and believing that he did nothing wrong) but condemned Tamar for being pregnant (Genesis 38:24). Judah blamed Tamar, not understanding the very death of his first two sons who had married Tamar, refused to give Tamar in marriage to Shelah, Judah last son. Now Judah was guilty of refusing Tamar's legal right but lacked the spiritual vision to see his hypocrisy. Now, Judah was made known of the undeniable evidence that he was responsible, for Tamar's pregnancy (Genesis 38: 25). Judah now showed the decency to acknowledge his sin, by saying that Tamar had been more righteous than he was (Genesis 38:26). GOD revealed the moral failures in Jacob's family: the scheming, deception, and the deliberate corrupt behavior. GOD has the power to nullify any potential dysfunction in the family for those who genuinely repent and humbly submit to HIS (GOD'S) authority and Will.

## Lesson pointer # 3

- Jacob's Blessing to Judah (Genesis 49: 10-12)

Now, Jacob blessed his sons before he died in Egypt. The prediction that the sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, is symbol of royal authority of the One who is to come, whom it is destined for, David's messianic son, JESUS CHRIST (Genesis 49:10). Looking beyond Judah's time when the Messiah reign. The Messiah JESUS CHRIST will usher in a time of unparalleled abundance (Genesis 49:11-12). JESUS CHRIST said in John 10:10 "**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**" GOD'S sufficient grace still gives us hope for those damaged by the very dynamics of dysfunctional family environments. God still looks beyond our faults but not overlooking them, GOD sees our needs and restores us when we repent and come to HIM in faith.

## Dynamics of Family Leadership!

### Lesson Nuggets

- 1) Repent of your sins and GOD will forgive you of your sins.
- 2) GOD has power to nullify and problems that occurs in a dysfunctional family.
- 3) Your scheming, deception, and deliberate and corrupt behavior will not stop GOD'S purpose.
- 4) GOD'S word shall not return to HIM void.