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MAY 26, 2024

# Revenge?

## Scripture

- 15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said to one another, "If Joseph is holding a grudge against us, he will certainly repay us for all the suffering we caused him."  
16 So they sent this message to Joseph, "Before he died your father gave a command:  
17 'Say this to Joseph: Please forgive your brothers' transgression and their sin—the suffering they caused you.' Therefore, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when their message came to him.  
18 His brothers also came to him, bowed down before him, and said, "We are your slaves!"  
19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?  
20 You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people.  
21 Therefore don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.  
22 Joseph and his father's family remained in Egypt. Joseph lived 110 years.  
23 He saw Ephraim's sons to the third generation; the sons of Manasseh's son Machir were recognized by Joseph.  
24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will certainly come to your aid and bring you up from this land to the land he swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."  
25 So Joseph made the sons of Israel take an oath: "When God comes to your aid, you are to carry my bones up from here."  
26 Joseph died at the age of 110. They embalmed him and placed him in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis 50:15-26 CSB



## Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: Genesis, Spring 2024; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org;  
Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Genesis, Kenneth A. Matthews*





# God's Word - Devoted to Him

## Forgiveness Sounds Like Singing

*Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit.*

*Then I will teach the rebellious your ways, and sinners will return to you.*

*Save me from the guilt of bloodshed, God—*

*God of my salvation—and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.*

*Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*

*Psalms 51:12-15*

JOSEPH SUFFERED CRUEL TREATMENT from his vengeful brothers and devastating consequences from a false accusation. He could have languished in the dungeon, eaten up with bitterness. Joseph saw a better way—he saw God's sovereign hand through the pain. Because he did, he later stood before his betrayers filled with nothing but forgiveness. That sincere ingredient freed him from any thought of retaliation or revenge.

Forgiveness is the song of the soul set free!

When King David confessed his unconscionable sins of murder and adultery, he experienced God's healing grace. He soon declared, "I will joyfully, sing of your forgiveness" (Psalm 51:14).

If we could ask David what forgiveness sounds like, he might reply, "Music . . . soul music!" He didn't simply state his gratitude, he sang it!

Forgiveness eases the ache of remorse and soothes the wounds of bitterness. Whether we hear, "I forgive you" from those we've offended or say, "I forgive you" to those who've wounded us, forgiveness frees us from the bondage of resentment.

What's the melody in your heart? The song of the soul set free? Or a bitter dirge composed by harsh words from an abusive parent, festering wounds from an unfaithful spouse, or from a solo of shame as you remember your own past mistakes?

God has made provision for you in His Son so you no longer must bear the burden of bitterness.

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. Unseal my lips, O Lord, that I may praise you. PSALM 51:12-15*

Give your burden to Christ today . . . let Him transpose your bitter refrain into a melody of praise and freedom.

*From Good Morning Lord...Can We Talk?*

**God's forgiveness is not based on standards we determine,  
but on the standards He established in His Word.**

**Henry Blackaby**

# SOAP

**SCRIPTURE** - Read the passage of the day

**OBSERVATION** - Write the point of the passage

**APPLICATION** - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

**PRAYER** - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

## Commissioned

Main Passage for June 2 – Acts 1:4-11, 23-26 CSB

**Monday** - Acts 1:4-5

**Wednesday** - Acts 1:8-9

**Friday** - Acts 1:23-26

**Tuesday** – Acts 1:6-7

**Thursday** - Acts 1:10-11

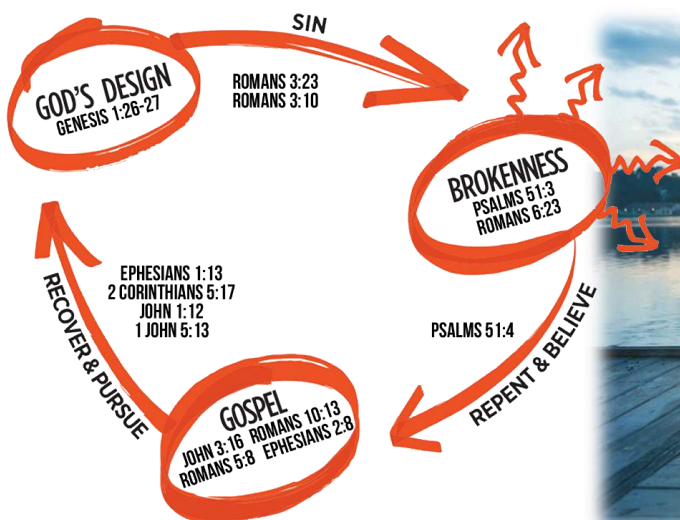
**Saturday** - Matthew 28:16-20

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses  
In Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

## Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ





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## *Life, Not Law*

God gives us stewardship responsibility over our lives. Though it *all* belongs to Him, He richly gives us all things to enjoy (1 Tim.6:17). But He has asked us not to touch the firstfruits. “The tithe and the firstfruits are mine,” says the Lord.

We demonstrate faithful stewardship—we show God that we realize that we are stewards, not owners—when we give Him the tithe.

As each of the previous examples shows, the tithe completely transcends the Old Testament law. But that shouldn’t surprise us, because so do many other eternal principles.

Imagine what you would think if one Sunday morning you visited the church I pastor, and as I was preaching, I suddenly pulled out a gun and shot someone in the congregation. What if, when asked, “Why did you do that? The Bible says you’re not supposed to murder,” my response was, “Well, ‘Thou shalt not kill’ was part of the Law. I’m not under the Law. I’m under grace.”

What would you think about that? You would probably point out to me that respecting human life and not murdering are principles that run all though the Bible.

I am using a rather absurd illustration to make an important point. Just because something was mentioned in the law of Moses doesn’t mean that we can throw it out now.

Let me address this issue in another way. If something was *wrong* under the Law, can it be *right* under grace?

In other words, since murder was wrong under the Law, is it now right under grace? Of course not.

Now let me turn the question around. If something was *right* under the Law, is it now *wrong* under grace? Specifically, tithing was clearly the right thing to do under the Law. The Old Testament makes that clear. But is it now the wrong thing to do under grace? Certainly not.

We can’t afford to throw out any vital principles in the Word of God—and tithing is a principle that runs through Scripture. What most Christians fail to comprehend is that tithing is a test.

*To be continued...*

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Are You Ready For Sunday's Message?  
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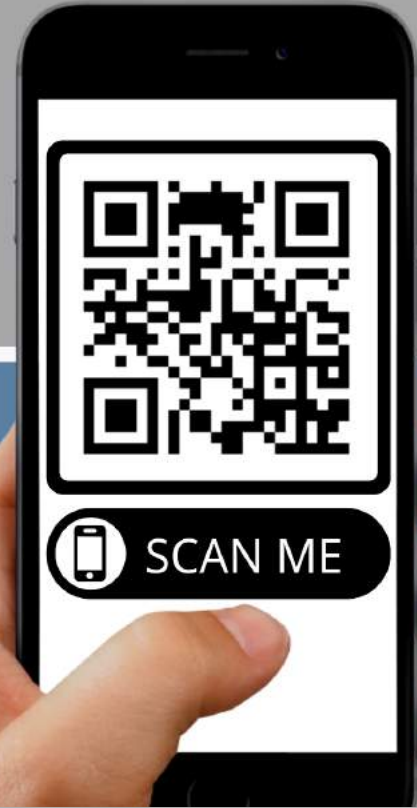
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*May 29th*

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*June 23rd*

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# Fun Night!

May 29th - 7:00 PM

It's Time for Summer Fun!



## Connect Teens Hawaiian Night

WATER GAMES / INFLATABLES / CAMPFIRE WORSHIP / PRIZES

MAY 29TH - 6:30 PM

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## Costa Rica Mission Trip

June 1st - 8th

Pray for our  
Connect Teens  
as they minister  
in Costa Rica



## Parent / Child Dedication Class

What Does It Mean to Dedicate  
Children to the Lord?

June 9th  
9:00 AM



Children's Department – Green Room  
Please register at [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
For more info. – [stacy.gatlin@cc.today](mailto:stacy.gatlin@cc.today)



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## Breaker Rock Beach

Leader Training & Decorating Day

June 23rd - 11:45 AM

Children's Worship Room

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