

“Joseph’s Revelation” (Genesis 45)

Big Idea: Joseph was revealed to his own as a gracious savior rather than a vengeful judge.

I. The Flow of the Text

a. Joseph’s Identity Revealed to His Brothers (verses 1–15)

Verse 8: “So it was **not you** who sent me here, **but God.**”

Compare similar contrasts stated in John 15:16 and Hosea 6:6.

“In this passage strong feeling and sound spiritual argument complete the work of reconciliation which had called for surgical severity throughout the early stages. It had been a task for the whole man, patiently sustained by conviction and not mere impulse.”

– Derek Kidner, *Genesis*, Kidner Classic Commentaries, p. 218

b. Joseph’s Brothers Revealed to Pharaoh (verses 16–24)

c. Joseph’s Glory Revealed to Jacob (verses 25–28)

II. The Themes of the Text

a. Hidden Guilt and Free Forgiveness

Matthew 6:9–15

John 1:12–14; 1 John 1:1–9

Luke 15:17–24

b. Man’s Intention and God’s Providence

Genesis 45:5; Acts 2:22–24, 36–39; Acts 3:13–19; 4:27–28; 7:51–60