

Theme: BOLDNESS OF TRUE BELIEVERS

Memory Verse: *Genesis 33:3 “And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.”*

Texts: Genesis 33:1-11; Genesis 45:1-15

God’s people are bold and humble. The prince that has power with God and man was humbly bowing seven times before his brother. Esau, already pacified through prevailing prayers, must have also been overwhelmed with Jacob’s humility that he could not say a word about past offences. He ran to Jacob, embraced him, fell on his neck and kissed him and, they wept together. What a lesson for the believer (Proverbs 21:1). Let us look closely at this encounter. Esau was meeting Jacob for the first time in twenty years. Jacob ran away from home because of the evil he did to Esau (Genesis 29:41). Esau was justifiably offended by Jacob’s actions against him and he wanted to kill him.

But now, twenty years later, Esau seems to have forgotten completely that Jacob offended him. He neither recounted the offences directly or indirectly, nor did he make allusions to them. He was happy to see Jacob back. He was in a hurry to settle with Jacob. He ran to meet him and fell on his neck and kissed him: and they wept. His callous heart melted, Esau was now willing to settle with Jacob. He did not allow Jacob go into stories and difficult apologies: the joy of reconciliation made him weep. What a challenge for the unregenerate! Many so-called believers today are implacable. To settle a little misunderstanding takes many committee meetings. The offender is not humble enough to accept that he is wrong, he is ready to spend invaluable kingdom-time trying to score a point and, the offended wants a pound of flesh. He cannot forgive easily. He wants the offender to go through a painful and humiliating process of apologies,

There ought to be joy when brethren, who were once separated because of misunderstanding or any other reason, come together. Joseph’s reconciliation with his brethren who sold him into bondage is very instructive. Perhaps, Joseph learnt from the reconciliation between his Father, Jacob and Esau. The father of the prodigal son received the returning child with joy. Believers should learn from these people. Jacob placed his wealth and family at Esau’s disposal He did not suspect that Esau will get envious and want to hurt him. Can we still trust those with whom we had misunderstanding in the past? Where there is genuine reconciliation, there must be no barriers. All efforts must be made to bring the relationship to the former state. We cannot dwell in a state of mutual suspicion and still claim that we are reconciled.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Isaiah 6	Isaiah 7
MONDAY	Isaiah 8	Isaiah 9
TUESDAY	Isaiah 10	Isaiah 11
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 12	Isaiah 13
THURSDAY	Isaiah 14	Isaiah 15
FRIDAY	Isaiah 16	Isaiah 17
SATURDAY	Isaiah 18	Isaiah 19