



THE GREATEST WORDS IN THE BIBLE
“THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORD: _____”
PSALM 130:4

WHAT IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORD, IN THE BIBLE OR OUT OF IT, SPOKEN IN HEAVEN, OR ON EARTH? SOME THOUGHT THAT MOTHER IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORD. SOME THOUGHT THAT GRACE IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORD. MANY OTHERS CLAIM IT IS THE WORD SALVATION. WHILE OTHERS SAY IT IS LOVE. GRANTED, THEY ARE ALL BEAUTIFUL WORDS IN THEIR DEEPEST MEANINGS.

BUT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORD IN THE BIBLE AND IN LIFE IS THE WORD FORGIVENESS. “SIN” IS THE SADDEST WORD BUT “FORGIVENESS” IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORD BECAUSE IT CANCELS THE EFFECTS OF SIN. “WHERE SIN ABOUNDED, GRACE (AND THAT IS ANOTHER WORD FOR FORGIVENESS)---DID MUCH MORE”(ROM. 5:20).

JOSEPH AND THE FORGIVENESS OF HIS FAMILY

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND A MORE HEARTLESS AND CRUEL CRIME IN THE BIBLE THAN THE ONE JOSEPH’S BROTHERS COMMITTED AGAINST HIM. BUT ONE DAY GOD TOOK JOSEPH OUT OF SLAVERY AND OUT OF PRISON AND MADE HIM A RULER IN EGYPT. YEARS LATER HIS BRETHREN CAME TO EGYPT FOR FOOD AND JOSEPH REVEALED HIMSELF TO THEM AND FORGAVE THEM.

CHRIST AND THE WOMAN WHO WAS A SINNER

WHILE JESUS WAS EATING WITH SIMON THE PHARISEE, HE WAS APPROACHED BY A WOMAN WHOM THE BIBLE DESCRIBES AS AN IMMORAL WOMAN. SHE POURED A PRECIOUS PERFUME ON HIS HEAD, THEN WASHED HIS FEET WITH HER TEARS AND DRIED THEM WITH HER HAIR. THIS SHOWED BOTH HER HUMILITY AND HER REPENTANCE. THEN JESUS POUNOUNCED HER SINS “FORGIVEN.”

THE DYING THIEF

THE SADDEST HOUR THE EARTH EVER SAW WAS WHEN THE LORD JESUS HUNG ON THAT CRUEL CROSS BETWEEN TWO THIEVES. BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE TAKING PLACE IN THAT AWFUL SCENE. ONE OF THE THIEVES SPOKE A WORD OF REPENTANCE AND BELIEF IN CHRIST. THEN FROM THE LIPS OF THE DYING SAVIOR CAME THE WORDS OF FORGIVENESS, “TODAY THOU SHALT BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.”

INDEED, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORD EVER SPOKEN WAS THE WORD “FORGIVENESS.” WHAT GREATER WORDS COULD THERE EVER BE THAN TO HEAR THE LORD OF HEAVEN DECLARE TO US, “YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN?” WHAT GREATER WORDS COULD WE EVER SPEAK TO SOMEONE ELSE, OR HAVE THEM SPOKEN TO US, THAN THE WORDS, “YOU ARE FORGIVEN?”