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This article is going to start off by backing up. Somehow I skipped a scripture on the THIRD DAY whereas I was trying to take them in order. So we shall return to Gen. 42:18, "And Joseph said unto them the THIRD DAY, this do and live; for I fear God (Elohim)." The setting for this verse is the appearance of Joseph's brothers who came into Egypt to buy food due to the severe famine in all countries. The ten brothers came, minus Benjamin, and little did they think Joseph would be the ruler in the land.

Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. His actions toward his brothers seemed rather harsh, but he had to know if there was a real change of heart in them regarding them selling him into slavery. He accused them of being spies, yet with all his seeming hardness, his

heart was crying within him for his brothers. To prove them, he put them all in ward for three days, but on the THIRD DAY, which represents the third thousand year day, he went to them with the remarkable statement, THIS DO AND LIVE; FOR I FEAR ELOHIM." He then took Simeon and kept him in ward and sent the rest of them back to Caanan with food for the whole family.

Consider the time that had elapsed since seeing his brothers. Joseph was seventeen when he was sold into slavery. He spent thirteen years in Egypt before he stood before Pharoah for the interpreting of Pharoah's dream. He was thirty years old when he began to reign in Egypt. Then there were seven years of plenty that followed, and by that time Joseph was 37 years old. Two years later did his brothers come, and after he was made known to them, he said there were five years of famine yet to follow. This made Joseph then 39 and past, or in his fortieth year. Forty is the number of testing, and Joseph had indeed been tested in many and divers ways, but he had stayed true to his foreordained purpose.

For more details on Joseph's dealings with his brothers, you will find it enlightening to read the Book of Jashur which is mentioned in the scriptures.

Now, back to our original scripture: On the THIRD DAY of having his brothers in ward, Joseph could not bear the situation and decided to do something different. Those who come into spiritual rulership first will find themselves dealing with situations regarding Israel that they never dreamed could happen. The FIRST OF THE FIRSTFRUITS will be called upon to use all manner of means to bring Israel general to the realization that Israel must truly repent of their very un-Israelite ways. At times it will seem the manner is too harsh, but those dealing out the measure of correction will be like Joseph---turning aside to weep because of tenderness of heart and for the deep longing for Israel's seed. Those who fall into the category of the Josephite ministry will be there because of their severe training, spiritual enlightenment and brokenness of spirit. They are the ones who in the beginning of this THIRD DAY will instruct Israel as well as correct Israel. And, so it shall come to pass as is written, "AND SO ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED." And, in referring to israel, I do not mean the nation of Israeli but rather the true descendants of Israel found in the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic and kindred peoples.

On that THIRD DAY Joseph said little but much. THIS DO were the first words. There was something that Israel must do. Israel's actions are to be brought into conformity to the will and purpose of Yahweh. The actions were to portray the true spirit within them. THIS DO AND LIVE indicates that a change must take place before LIFE can be manifest. It is in

this THIRD DAY that LIFE is to be manifested. Throughout the generations and centuries death has been manifested, and everything that breathed eventually ceased breathing and death took over. Now we are at the time when LIFE is to swallow up mortality and loose the pains of death. This is only accomplished by the inner changes in the being wherein the old nature is conquered and the mind is renewed with TRANSFORMATION taking place.

Joseph's dealings with his brothers was to prove if they had truly repented of what they had done to him. The word REPENT means to CHANGE THE MIND. it does not mean tears and sobbings and the wearing of sackcloth, but rather it has to do with a turn about face in the thinking processes. Furthermore, the mind cannot be RENEWED unless it has at some time been NEW. Thus the need is to have the mind returned to us or renewed to us that we once had before the foundation of the world when we dwelt in spirit form with the Most High.

Our minds have been so cluttered with carnal and natural things, and to be CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH, BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE. Thus the Spirit must take over the mind in totality until that mind thinks nothing but spiritual things. This does not mean that your everyday life has to cease, but rather in your everyday life the Spirit dominates the thinking. This is where the Spirit thinks LIFE in you and not death. Joseph's main concern was that his brothers have a change of mind knowing that this change would produce LIFE.

This THIRD DAY will be marked by minds dominated by the Spirit and the manifestation of LIFE in its fulness. To carry the thought of LIFE a little further, let us say that the expression of ETERNAL or EVERLASTING LIFE does not mean what people read into it. In both the Hebrew and Greek (olam and aion) there is no thought of eternity involved. Both words simply mean AGE or AGES. Thus we are told to LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE, in reality, LAY HOLD ON AGE ABIDING LIFE. Our main concern at the present time is to have the life of the ages. We desire to live in this new age and the ages beyond. When the planned ages are over, there will be no such thing as ETERNAL OR AGE ABIDING LIFE, but it will simply be LIFE to the full. Many will miss the life for this age or even the ages beyond and still come into life eventually, but who wants to remain in a state of death during this age or another other following age?

Joseph's words, "THIS DO AND LIVE," are thus pregnant with meaning, but the words following are even more so, "FOR I FEAR ELOHIM." It is amazing that his brothers did not catch what he said and realize this was the language of true Israelites. Of course, we know that Joseph was speaking through an interpreter, but the fact still remains that Joseph used the term ELOHIM. Furthermore, he stated that he FEARED Elohim, literally REVERENCED Him. All that Joseph did and said was based upon the fact that he revered Elohim. LIFE itself is based on this very attitude. Prov. 14:27 states, "The FEAR (reverence) of Yahweh is a fountain of LIFE, to depart from the snares of death." Thus in Joseph's words LIFE was sandwiched between the changed mind and the reverence of the Most High. LIFE is bounded by these two things, and there is no such thing as enjoying the bliss of AGE ABIDING LIFE without having a renewed mind and possessing a reverence for HIM. These are the two important prerequisites.

Now further, the term ELOHIM is very expansive. It is the plural in the Hebrew of the basic EL which means the STRONG ONE. But it goes even further, for it is written, "Ye are gods (Elohim)." So it is those brought out of HIM or generated by HIM are also Elohim. "Let everything bring forth after its own kind," tells us in no uncertain terms that EL could do nothing but produce out of Himself gods or ELOHIM. In our lowered estate we have forgotten who we were and are, and a veil has covered the mind until the proper time when it shall be removed. Then we shall remember who we actually are and who the rest of the Elohim family is. This knowledge is all tied in with the THIRD DAY. Such KNOWING is really REMEMBERING who and what we were and are.

Therefore, our reverence shall not only be of the Most High Elohim, but the proper respect and honor shall be accorded all those who likewise are Elohim. Thus this THIRD DAY shall be marked by RENEWED MINDS, LIFE and REVERENCE. So be this in its fulness!!! ncn