

Judah and Tamar
Genesis 38:1-30

Main Point:

Though you are sinful like Judah, God can transform you by His grace in Jesus Christ.

1. Like Judah, we fail to honor God in our relationships.
2. Like Judah, we are self-seeking by nature.
3. Like Judah, we tend to look for pleasure in the wrong places.
4. Like Judah, we can be hypocritical.
5. But, like Judah, we can also be transformed by the grace of God.
6. This is because God used Judah's sin to bring us a Savior.

Genesis 28:1 ¹ Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 25:5-6 ⁵ "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be *married* to a stranger outside *the family*; her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. ⁶ "And it shall be *that* the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. (NKJV)

Genesis 43:8-9 ⁸ Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you *and* also our little ones. ⁹ "I myself will be surety for him; from my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him *back* to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. (NKJV)

Genesis 44:33 ³³ "Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 13:23 ²³ Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil. (NIV)

Ruth 4:18-22 ¹⁸ Now this *is* the genealogy of Perez: Perez begot Hezron; ¹⁹ Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab; ²⁰ Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon; ²¹ Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; ²² Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David. (NKJV)

Matthew 1:1-6, 16 ¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: ² Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. ⁴ Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. ⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah. ⁷ Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa ... ¹⁶ And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. (NKJV)

Matthew 1:21 ²¹ "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (NKJV)