



Grace Assembly Of God

## Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	<b>Genesis 34</b>	Title:	<b>Let God Be Our Avenger</b>
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Summary of Chapter:	Simeon and Levi made Shechem and his household pay for his foolish and immoral act against their sister, Dinah. They wreaked a terrible vengeance against the Hivites. They schemed and acted brutally to avenge for her. In fact, it was not just an eye for an eye, we could see the how hatred led both of them to go on a killing spree, a violent massacre and hurt also the innocents.		
<b>Key Verses (NLT):</b>	<b>How does it speak to me?</b>		
<i>30 Afterward Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have ruined me! You've made me stink among all the people of this land—among all the Canaanites and Perizzites. We are so few that they will join forces and crush us. I will be ruined, and my entire household will be wiped out!"</i>	<p>There are always consequences in our actions. Our actions can result in a positive impact on lives around us or it can also create harmful repercussions. Very often, the latter is due to human errors. Simeon and Levi both took the situation into their own hands, never did they seek God for a direction. Though, it was definitely wrong for the Israelites to intermarry. However, what they did, was not right.</p> <p>Recently, my father was being mistreated by a healthcare worker and I was really infuriated when my father told me about it. My immediate reaction (in my head) was to barge up to person, confront her and demand an explanation. However, I intentionally took home that angst and I sought the Lord for advice. It came very clearly then, "Write her a letter and ask her, how are you?". I did it. Should I have acted based on just how I felt for my dad, I believe very nasty words would have come out from my mouth and maybe, the person who mistreated my dad could have lost her job during this very difficult Covid times. Would I have then made a mountain out of a molehill?</p> <p>Would I have represented Jesus well? We are called to be peace-makers, salt and light. Let's remember to always uphold the name of God regardless of situations.</p>		
<b>APPLICATION QUESTIONS:</b>			
<b>Adult:</b>	Was there ever an incident where you felt being mistreated or marginalized in your life? What did you do? If you could re-enact that incident now, how would change the way you speak, think or manage the situation now?		
<b>Youth:</b>	Have you ever journeyed with a hurting friend before? Maybe you were once hurt by someone too. What happened? What do you think is a godly way of handling it?		
<b>Child:</b>	Have you ever been bullied by your friends or siblings before? What happened and what did you do? For the older children, write a letter to this person and remind the person what had happened, share your feelings and end off the letter with the sentence, "I forgive you."		
<b>P R A Y E R :</b>			
<b>Praying Scripture:</b>	Dear Lord, help us to be your fragrance everywhere we are and in every situation. Be it on mountain tops and valleys may we always be reminded that we represent You and many a times, people who don't know God will read their first bible through our lives. Help us love in our actions, thoughts and speech. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.		
<b>Thanksgiving Prayer:</b>	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b>	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
<b>Salvation Prayer:</b>	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		