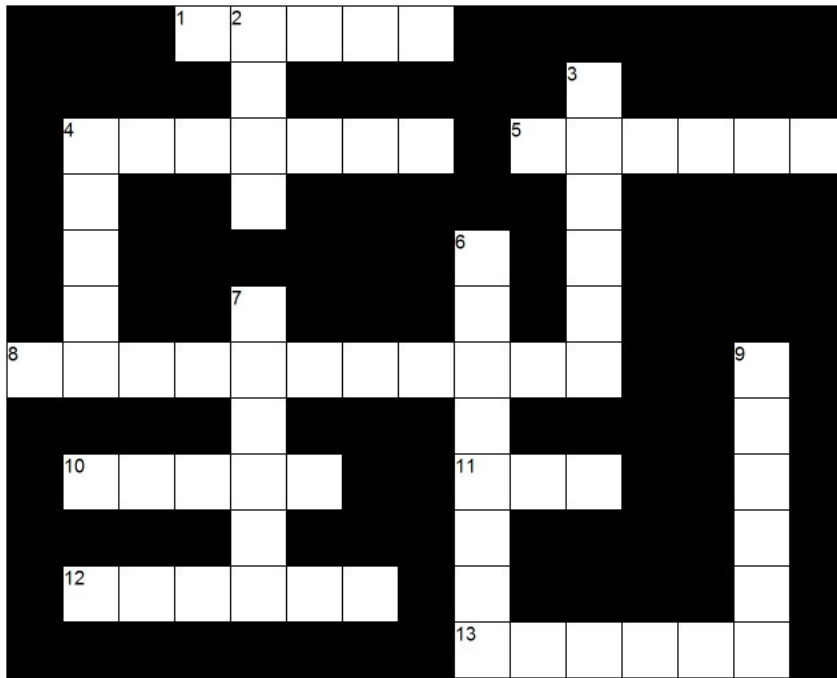


## A Bible Crossword on Genesis, Part 11

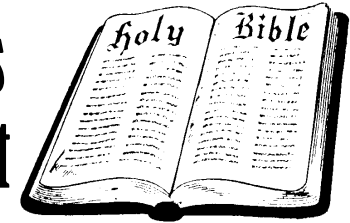


Across: 1. The traders who bought Joseph resold him here. 4. In his first dream, Joseph and his brothers were binding these. 5. Israel love him the most. 8. Joseph was sold to company of these. They were cousins of a sort. 10. Selling Joseph was his idea. 11. Joseph's brothers cast him into one. 12. The number of shekels Joseph sold for. 13. This brother opposed killing Joseph.

Down: 2. Joseph's brothers killed one and dipped his coat in its blood. 3. Joseph's coat had many of these. 4. In Joseph's second dream, the sun, moon, and eleven of these bowed to him. 6. The officer of Pharaoh who bought Joseph. 7. The land were Isaac dwelt as a stranger. 9. Joseph was sent to check on his brothers in Shechem, but they had moved to this town (Not the one is south Alabama).

-All answers found in Genesis 37, NKJV

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## Please Recycle

Is there really such a thing as junk? The things we've worn out or grown tired of seem to be surprisingly valued by other people.

One of our neighbors organized a massive neighborhood-yard sale. In preparation for it, Carina put several large items on the curb to be picked up by the garbage people on Friday morning. As we were walking on Thursday evening, I commented to her that I ought to put the old gas-grill on the curb also. She stopped and looked at me like I'd lost my mind. (Possibility not so remote as you might imagine) She told me that she had already put the old grill by the curb. I could hardly doubt her, but we just walked by the items by the curb when we left for our walk, and I had no recollection of seeing the grill there. It turns out that neither of us have lost our minds. When we got back to the house after our walk, there was no grill by the curb. She had also placed an old vacuum cleaner and a broken tricycle there. The vacuum was already gone, and when I left for work the next morning, the tricycle was gone too. Items we thought ready for the trash heap had been picked up by someone else who had visions of recycling them.

Indeed, many of the things we believe to be of no further use continue to have much potential in the right hands. A skilled recycler can restore the worth to many a discarded item.

God is the greatest recycler of all. Paul writes, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:4-6).

Though we were dead, worthless, dilapidated in sin, God made us alive. To cleanse us, God used something far more powerful than Pine-Sol.

Peter says, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Using the precious blood of His Son, God washes away our sins. Even Saul of Tarsus, a notorious persecutor of Christians, found grace and became the invaluable apostle Paul.

He says of himself, “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief” (1 Timothy 1:12-13).

Ananias taught Saul the gospel, saying to Him, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Through baptism, God cleanses the sinner with the blood of His Son.

Because of the awesome power of Christ’s blood, there is no sinner beyond God’s redeeming power.

Have you ever thrown away a piece of clothing because it got a stain on it that you couldn’t remove?

God commanded the Israelites of Isaiah’s day to repent, saying, “Come now, and let us reason together,’ Says the LORD, ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18).

Along similar lines, the Psalmist wrote, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7).

You can never become so stained with sin that the blood of Christ can’t cleanse you. No one can.

If you are stained with sin and think you are fit for nothing but the trash heap, think again. God can recycle you and raise you up to sit with Son in the heavenly places.

If you look at another person and think that person is fit for nothing but the trash heap, think again. God can recycle anyone.

In the sight of the Lord there is no such thing as junk.

—RAB

### Prayer List

Keith Copeland	Herman McKenzie	Faye Seiler
Dennis Depew	Louise Moore	Sarah Howard
David Depew	Sara Nance	James Howard

### Gospel Meetings

6/8-11 College View Lectures various speakers

6/14-17 at Brookhill with Johnny Felker for a singing school

6/21-26 at Midway in Florence with Bill Hall

7/12-17 at Jones Road with Lowell Sallee