

## Your Sin Will Find You > Genesis 38:1-30

**38:1-11** *Judah's family.* Judah marries a Canaanite and they have three sons. The first of dies because of his wickedness before the Lord. The second is unwilling to take responsibility for his deceased brother's widow, and dies on account of his sin. Judah tries to protect the third son by promising him to the widow, though he never follows through on this promise.

**38:12-23** *Judah's wickedness.* Judah himself engages in adultery, though – unknown to him – it is with his son's widow. In doing so, he gives to her certain items that will later identify him.

**38:24-30** *Judah's sins found out.* Judah's lack of integrity is eventually found out and he is forced to admit that he hasn't done right by his son's widow. The entire story shows that Judah's sins do not go unpunished, but instead are seen by the Lord, even if justice takes time in coming.

**Context:** This chapter takes a side trail with Judah before returning to Joseph's story. The point here is to follow Joseph's older brother so that we'd see what happens to him.

**Argument:** Judah's sins will not go unpunished – and his character is radically opposite that of Joseph.

**Gospel:** Jesus Himself taught us what forgiveness looks like, and He did it by offering us grace and mercy even though we were in the wrong and He was perfectly sinless.

**Applications:** Have you admitted to your sins before the Lord? Is there somebody that you need to go and speak with so that there can be forgiveness?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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