

to leave their little brother with him. They said among themselves,

“This all happened because of what we did to Joseph long ago. We saw the terror and anguish and heard his pleadings but we wouldn’t listen That is why this trouble has come upon us.”

Twenty years is a long time but it was not long enough for these men to forget what they did. Romans 2 says on the Day of Judgment our conscience will be a witness against us. We are going to be our own judges at the Judgment.

In the 1960’s, in Mississippi, two young African American boys, who grew up in the area, were walking down a road. Two men picked them up, tortured them for hours, took them to a secluded spot on the Mississippi River, tied them to an engine block and threw them into the water alive. They got away with it, *they thought*.

Years later an anonymous informant, the FBI named “RP 120”; gave them the men’s names, the details of what they had done and where they could find the bodies. They could not get a conviction because the informant would not come forward. Forty years later he did. He testified and Connie Chung, of ABC’S “20/20”, interviewed him.

He, the mystery informant, was the “Grand Wizard”, the leader of the KKK, at the time of the killings. Telling his story, ABC showed films of him preaching hate and violence against African Americans and interfering whites.

He told Connie Chung how the men, proud of what they’d done, shared with him the horrible details; especially how the frightened boys begged over and over for their lives. He, with God’s image buried deep within, said he was sickened by their story. Asked why he came forward he said, “I couldn’t eat. I couldn’t sleep. I couldn’t live with myself because of what happened to those boys and the part my hate filled teachings played in it.”

He said he felt he *had* to come forward so he might find forgiveness. He said he was still trying

to find forgiveness. [I hope some good Mississippi pastor saw that program, visited him and led him to Jesus; who would gladly, immediately and eternally have forgiven him.

“Judas did not go to hell for betraying Jesus. He went there because he went to the wrong tree. Instead of hanging himself he should have gone to the cross and asked Jesus to forgive him. He would have, but Judas did not go there, he went to hell.

SOWING THE OTHER WAY

[Gal. 6:7 / Matt. 6]

“But he who sows to the Spirit (*of God*) reaps *Eternal Life from the Spirit.*” /

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy. / But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”

In 1812 Adoniram and Ann Judson sailed for India as Christian missionaries. Forced to go to Burma, Judson worked the first eight years without one convert. He spent time in prison where the rats gnawed his feet. On the way to Burma his little boy died at sea. In Burma his next two children, Roger William and Maria, died. He and his wife Ann, buried them under a large lonely tree near their home. When Ann died, he placed her beside their two children. Sailing home alone, he thought of those three lonely graves on the hillside and wrote:

“In spite of sorrow, loss and pain / Our course be onward still. / We sow on Burma’s barren plain, / We reap on Zion’s hill.”

There was an old farmer who hated church and Christians and when the little church next to his property held revivals, he plowed his tractor close to it so they could not hear the songs and sermons. One day he told the pastor who he was and said, “I had the highest yield of any farmer in this county this November. What do you think of that?” The pastor said: *“God does not settle His accounts in November”*. What will your conscience say at the Judgment? No matter how awful one or more of your sins was, **“The blood of Jesus cleanses us of ALL sin.”** (1 Jn. 1)