

The Theme of a Change of Heart

Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve respond to God's questions with blame. Adam blames Eve. Eve blames the serpent.

Cain and Abel

Cain has no remorse, no change of heart, even complains about his punishment.

Noah Noah is righteous, no change of heart needed. God changes his mind about destroying mankind, because he remembers Noah. God gives man a blessing, a covenant, and a promise because of Noah.

Esau and Jacob

Both have a change of heart. After 20 years of God's blessings, they reunite and are given a new relationship of brotherly love they never had before. 20 years of working for a deceiver has taught Jacob his need for God and a change of heart.

Joseph's brothers

All of Joseph's older brothers have a change of heart. They are all remorseful and repentant, especially Judah. Judah is repentant to the point of self-sacrifice to protect Benjamin.

Samson

Samson is full of pride because of the gift God has given him. He has a change of heart (through being humbled by his enemies) and sacrifices himself to save his people.

David

After coveting Bathsheba, committing adultery, and murdering Uriah, David is remorseful and repentant. His sincere repentance brings about God's forgiveness and favor. David is the epitome of sinfulness, change of heart, and redemption.

Jesus Christ

Teaches true repentance is the mark of a changed heart. A changed heart is necessary for forgiveness of sin. Behavioral change is not enough, spiritual change inside one's heart is the new hallmark of forgiveness, faithfulness, and redemption.