

Genesis 42

1 Quit sitting around wondering what to do - we got money, go buy grain!

2,3 Still playing favorites, as he keeps Benjamin, Rachel's other son with him. God will deal with this shortly.

4,5 With everyone traveling to Egypt with money you would think the bandits would be bad. Maybe they had some of the servant men go along for protection, but it is not mentioned.

6 Imagine the line in front of him! This way, there would be no profiteering, and Pharaoh will get all the money.

7 His first dream from God is fulfilled!

8 Imagine not, with all the Egyptian garb and 13 or 14 years in between.

9-11 Whoops, except for the deceit about their brother.

12,13 He finds out Ben is alive. No more? He is right in front of them. What a drama.

14,15 He wants to see his full brother. Clever strategy!

16,17 Just as we taste what the Savior did for us because of our actions, so the brothers are getting just a taste of the years Joseph spent in prison.

18,19 Apparently they couldn't decide which one would go back. Joseph knowing their character decided for them and gave them abundant grace.

20,21 Can you see Jesus distress in the Garden, Not my will but thine be done, as he sweat drops of blood? Conviction! They knew they were doing wrong and hardened their heart but they could never forget it.

22 They believed in sowing and reaping.

23,24 He realizes they are convicted and now realize how grievous their sin was. He still loves them in spite of all they have done. What an example, like Jesus! When we are convicted and realize the consequences of our sin, He weeps with us. He binds Simeon before their eyes, not lessening the conviction they feel.

25-28 They thought it was a miracle. They never could have guessed what was really happening. I think it is often that way with us. We think things are for the worse when really we are experiencing grace and mercy.

29-36 No, Israel, actually everything is for you because God is for you. Walk by faith and not by sight. God is still teaching the deceptive Jacob, (notice this passage returns to the old name) the pain caused by being deceptive, and reaping what you've sown.

37,38 He can't let go, but he must. God will bring about situations in which we have to let go of the earthly things we cling to, to move on in our spiritual life.