

## GENESIS 42; February 11; Joseph Charges His Brothers

### ANALYSIS:

1. When Joseph's brothers first saw him (they did not recognize him), what did they do? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did Joseph remember as he saw his brothers before him?  
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3. Why didn't the brothers recognize Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What effect did finding the money in the sacks of corn have on the brothers and Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is Jacob's initial response to the requirement that Benjamin must be taken to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The name of God occurs twice in this chapter.

Joseph charged his brothers as being spies, which apparently carried a death penalty (v 20). He imprisoned them all for three days. Because he fears God (v 18), he deals with them in grace which he has experienced from the LORD. He bound Simeon before them, commands the rest to carry food back to their families, then return with their younger brother, and they will all be cleared of the charge of being spies. This is the God of Grace and Mercy.

In the second occurrence Joseph's brothers question what God is doing to them (v 28). Their acknowledgment is one of fear and dread, they being guilty concerning their brother, that his blood is required of them (vs 21-22). This is the God of Vengeance.

When you are humbled by God for past sins, do you simply admit your sin "one to another" (v 21)? Or do you personally confess your sins directly to God and rest in His promised forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Jo 1:9; Pro 28:13; Eph 1:7)?

### HELP:

1. "They bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth" (v 6).

2. "The dreams which he dreamed of them" (v 9).

3. Joseph made himself strange unto them, spake roughly unto them (v 7), and spake unto them by an interpreter (v 23).

4. "Their heart failed them and they were afraid" (vs 28, 35).

5. "My son shall not go down with you" (v 38).