

GENESIS 44; February 13; Joseph Tests His Brothers

ANALYSIS:

1. How does Joseph tell his steward to fill the brothers' sacks?

2. What charge was the steward to level against the brothers when he overtook them? _____

3. What was the brothers' confident response to the threat of being made bondmen, since they knew (believed) they were innocent of the charge? _____

4. What did Joseph say was the penalty for finding the cup in Benjamin's sack? _____

5. Which brother made a very passionate plea to Joseph to be allowed to take Benjamin's place? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Have you ever made a bold self-justifying statement, like the brothers did in vs 7-9, and been proven to be very wrong, like them? We may speak too quickly with over-confidence for a number of reasons. We may be denying responsibility for some mistake or failure. We may resent being connected with some situation we despise. We may not know all the facts. We may be sincere while someone else was not. We may not know what someone else has done. We may be truthful and someone else was untruthful. We may be stretching the truth in an attempt to appear better than we are. Let's strive to know a situation thoroughly before we speak.

"Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" Jam 1:19.

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" Col 4:6.

HELP:

1. With as much food as they can carry, the money they brought, and put Joseph's cup into Benjamin's sack (v 1-2).

2. Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? Is not this it in which my lord drinketh (vs 4-5).

3. Whoever has the cup, let him die, and we also will be your bondmen (v 9).

4. That the man in whose hand the cup was found should be Joseph's servant, and the rest go in peace to your home (v 17).

5. Judah (vs 18-34).