

JOSEPH AS A STRANGER Gen 42-45 (#6)

THE 2nd TRIP'S MEETING WITH JOSEPH

(Gen 44:1-17) Dec 8, 2024 am

THE PATIENCE OF JOSEPH (Gen 42:1-24)

THE PRACTICE OF JOSEPH (Gen 42:25-43)

THE PROBING OF JOSEPH'S BROTHERS

(Gen 42:25-43)

(Gen 42) ON THE 1st TRIP TO EGYPT,

JOSEPH'S TESTS OF HIS BROTHERS CONCERNED

THE BROTHERS' TRANSGRESSIONS

The tests were...

MEASURED

MIRRORED

Joseph wanted to see remorse in his brothers

(remorse is an attitude)

(Gen 43) ON THE 2nd TRIP TO EGYPT,

JOSEPH'S TESTS OF HIS BROTHERS CONCERNED

THE BROTHERS' TRANSFORMATION

Joseph wanted to see repentance in his brothers

(Repentance is evidenced by a change of behavior)

(Gen 43:5) but if thou wilt not send him

(Benjamin), we will not go down: for the man said unto

us, Ye shall not see my face, except your

brother be with you.

(Gen 43:13-14) take also your brother, and arise,

go again unto the man: ¹⁴ and God Almighty give you

mercy before the man, that he may send away your

other brother and Benjamin, If I be bereaved of my

children, I am bereaved.

(Gen 42:25-28)

(28) What is this that God hath done to us?

THE 2ND TRIP'S TESTS - Gen 44:1-15

THE DETAILS OF THE TEST (Gen 43:16) *And*

when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.

(Gen 43:33) *And they sat before him, the*

firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

(Gen 43:34) *And he took and sent messes unto*

them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five

times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and

were merry with him

THE DESIGN OF THE TEST (Gen 44:1-10)

(Gen 44:1) *And he commanded the steward of*

his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as

much as they can carry, and put every man's money in

his sack's mouth. (Gen 44:2) And put my cup, the silver

cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn

money. And he did according to the word that Joseph

had spoken.

(Gen 44:3-5) *As soon as the morning was light,*

the men were sent away, they and their asses.⁴ And

when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off,

Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men;

and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them,

Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? ⁵ Is not

this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he

divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

Accusation (4) *Wherefore have ye*

rewarded evil for good?,

Exaggeration (5) *Is not this it in*

which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth

Gen 44:6-13 *And he overtook them, and he*

spake unto them these same words

Repudiation (7-8) *And they said unto*

him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid

that thy servants should do according to this thing;

⁸ behold, the money, which we found in our sacks'

mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of

Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's

house silver or gold?

Condemnation (9-10) *With*

whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die,

and we also will be my lord's bondmen. ¹⁰ And he said,

Now also let it be according unto your words: he with

whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be

blameless.

THE REACTION TO THE TEST - Gen 44:11-17

Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the

ground, and opened every man his sack. ¹² And he

searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the

youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

RENT THEIR CLOTHES - Gen

44:13 *Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man*

his ass, and returned to the city.

RETURNED TO THE RULER - Gen

44:14-17 *Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's*

house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on

the ground.

THE GOSPEL IN THE TEST