

**THE AWAKENING OF THE SEARED CONSCIENCE  
GOD BEGINS TO PRICK JOSEPH'S BROTHERS CONSCIENCES  
Genesis 42:1-28**

- I. GOD BEGINS TO EXPOSE OUR SPIRITUAL STATE BY PLACING US IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS WHERE WE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH OUR OWN SIN: The ten sinful brothers are forced by famine to go to Egypt to buy food and there they meet Joseph, who disguises himself and begins to wisely expose their sin (1-16)**
- A. The ten brothers go to Egypt to buy food, leaving Benjamin behind because of Jacob's fears (1-5)
  - B. The brothers meet Joseph, do not recognize him, but he does them and disguises himself (6-8)
  - C. Joseph remembering the dreams, wisely elicits information about his family and his brothers current corrupt spiritual state (9-13)
  - D. God through Joseph begins to expose their sin by testing their word, revealing they will be imprisoned while one is sent to get Benjamin (14-16)
- II. GOD SOMETIMES USES RECIPROCAL TREATMENT TO CAUSE US TO SEE OUR SIN: Joseph throws his brothers in prison three days, they are told to leave one brother and thus begin to see their guilt concerning what they did to Joseph (17-22)**
- III. GOD CONTINUES HIS HARSH YET LOVING DISCIPLINE UNTIL WE ARE TRULY BROKEN AND REPENTANT: Joseph sees the brothers are acknowledging their sin, but yet are not fully repentant, he thus has Simeon bound before their eyes (23-24)**
- IV. GOD EVEN USES THE UNEXPECTED TO CAUSE US TO FEAR AND RECOGNIZE HIS HAND IS INVOLVED IN WHAT IS HAPPENING TO US: Joseph loads their bags and returns their money secretly, they tremble, finally recognizing God is acting against them (25-28)**

**NEXT WEEK: THE LORD BEGINS EXPOSE JACOB'S SIN ALSO (42:29-43:14)**