

JOSEPH SHOWS GRACE TO HIS BROTHERS

Genesis 43:16-34

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1. JOSEPH INVITES HIS BROTHERS TO DINE – vv. 16-17

This was like an invitation to dine in the Blue Room at the White House. They were given an honorable reception.

2. JOSEPH'S BROTHERS INNER DISTRESS! – vv. 18-22

a) *Distress Because of An Imaginative Setup – v.18* Nothing can make the imagination run so wild as a guilty conscience! *Proverbs 28:1a* The Man needed more slaves and donkeys, so they were setup.

b) *Distress Beckons An Explanation of Their Innocence – v. 19 -22*

They didn't get together this time to craft a lie they could tell the governor.

3. JOSEPH'S STEWARD INFORMS ABOUT THE DEED -vv. 23-25

a) *They were calmed – v. 23a* The servant confessed his involvement.

b) *They were cleaned – v. 23b-24* Simeon was released and reunited with them, they were all refreshed with water, a pedicure and their animals were fed.

c) *They were Collected – v. 25* had sent some food and spices for them to present to The Man as presents with hopes that they'd be shown kindness?

4. JOSEPH'S INNER DELIGHT BURIED – vv. 26-29

a) *Accepted their Gifts & Obeisance – v. 26*

with a gift in hand, bowed down to the ground. Joseph's dream about the 11 sheaves came to mind.

b) *Asked about Them & Their Father – vv. 27-28*

notice the contrast between when he first saw them in (42:9, 14, 16, 34) "Why does he care?" "Your servant our father" = Jacob was also represented in that bow

c) *Asked About Benjamin – v. 29*

Here he is, a survivor from an at-risk childhood, standing in front of his mother's other only son.

5. JOSEPH'S INNER DELIGHT BURST FORTH! – vv. 30

This is the second of 5 times the scriptures records Joseph as breaking down crying. 42:24, 43:30, 45:2, 46:29, 50:17

6. JOSEPH SERVES HIS BROTHERS – vv. 31-34

a) *They all Ate In Separate Sections – vv. 31-32* Joseph ate by himself as the highest-ranking officer of the land. The Egyptians had a disdain for shepherds and Hebrews from the Lower and Middle Egypt conflict where they were in subjection to nomad shepherds (Hyksos) for hundreds of years

b) *They Ate In Sequence As Siblings – vv. 33-34* Must be of divine origin! The chances are 39,917,000!

