

THE STUDY OF

# GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED  
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

# The Table Test

## Genesis 43



# THE REDEMPTION STORY: FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

- The Bible is one beautiful story of Jesus and redemption (Ephesians 1:7-10)
- Scripture presents a purposeful narrative revealing God's redemptive plan (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

# Big Picture

- Redeemer/Seed Hunt Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3 (There is one Hero... Jesus)
- Past promises point to future faithfulness, different times - same Lord
- Continuity — From Abraham to Christ (Heb 11:13–16; Gal 3:29)



# Catching Up

1. Joseph So Far...
2. Favored son with dreams (Gen. 37)
3. Betrayed by brothers
4. Sold for 20 pieces of silver
5. Slave in Egypt
6. Falsely accused / imprisoned
7. God was with Joseph

# Catching Up

8. Raised to ruler under Pharaoh (Gen. 41)

9. Brothers bow before him (Gen. 42)

10. Simeon held / Benjamin demanded

**Now:** famine continues, hearts begin changing.

## Genesis 43:1-14 NKJV

(1) Now the famine was severe in the land.

(2) And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food." (3) But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'

## Genesis 43:1-14 NKJV

(4) "If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. (5) "But if you will not send him, we will not go down; for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.' " (6) And Israel said, "Why did you deal so wrongfully with me as to tell the man whether you had still another brother?"

## Genesis 43:1-14 NKJV

(7) But they said, "The man asked us pointedly about ourselves and our family, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?' And we told him according to these words. Could we possibly have known that he would say, 'Bring your brother down'?"

## Genesis 43:1-14 NKJV

(8) Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. (9) "I myself will be surety for him; from my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.

## Genesis 43:1-14 NKJV

(10) "For if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned this second time." (11) And their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and carry down a present for the man--a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

(12) "Take double money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. (13) "Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the man. (14) "And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!"

# v.1-14 Obstacles and Opportunities

“The famine was severe in the land...”

- Grain gone

- Food gone

- Options gone

God removes alternatives to move people toward surrender. (Ps. 66:10–12

Hos. 5:15)

## v.1-14 Judah the Substitute

“I myself will be surety for him.” (43:9)

Reuben offered others.

Judah offers himself.

guarantee/pledge/substitute

Heb. 7:22

Life through substitution.

# v.1-14 Jacob Surrenders

Fear → Faith

Jacob sends: balm, honey, spices, myrrh,  
nuts, double money

Then prays: “May God Almighty give you  
mercy...” (43:14)

“If I am bereaved, I am bereaved.”

Faith begins where control ends.



## Genesis 43:15-25 NKJV

(15) So the men took that present and Benjamin, and they took double money in their hand, and arose and went down to Egypt; and they stood before Joseph. (16) When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Take these men to my home, and slaughter an animal and make ready; for these men will dine with me at noon."

## Genesis 43:15-25 NKJV

17) Then the man did as Joseph ordered, and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. (18) Now the men were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, "It is because of the money, which was returned in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may make a case against us and seize us, to take us as slaves with our donkeys."

## Genesis 43:15-25 NKJV

(19) When they drew near to the steward of Joseph's house, they talked with him at the door of the house, (20) and said, "O sir, we indeed came down the first time to buy food;

## Genesis 43:15-25 NKJV

(21) "but it happened, when we came to the encampment, that we opened our sacks, and there, each man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight; so we have brought it back in our hand.

## Genesis 43:15-25 NKJV

22) "And we have brought down other money in our hands to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks."

(23) But he said, "Peace be with you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

## Genesis 43:15-25 NKJV

(24) So the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys feed. (25) Then they made the present ready for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they would eat bread there.

# v.15-25 From Fear to Fellowship

**They expected:**

chains

accusation

punishment

**They received:**

washing

peace

a meal

the prodigal son (Luke 15:22–24)

# v.15-25 Guilt Distorts Grace

Prov. 28:1

“The wicked flee when no one pursues.”

A guilty heart fears the correction and grace it most needs, but God invites repentant people from fear into fellowship through Christ.

# **v.15-25 Conviction vs Condemnation**

Know the Difference

**Conviction says: Come home.**

**Condemnation says: Stay away.**

God exposes sin to restore sinners.

**Rom. 8:1**



## Genesis 43:26-34 NKJV

26) And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth. (27) Then he asked them about their well-being, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

## Genesis 43:26-34 NKJV

(28) And they answered, "Your servant our father is in good health; he is still alive."

And they bowed their heads down and prostrated themselves. (29) Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son."

## Genesis 43:26-34 NKJV

(30) Now his heart yearned for his brother; so Joseph made haste and sought somewhere to weep. And he went into his chamber and wept there. (31) Then he washed his face and came out; and he restrained himself, and said, "Serve the bread."

## Genesis 43:26-34 NKJV

(32) So they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.

## Genesis 43:26-34 NKJV

(33) And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth; and the men looked in astonishment at one another. (34) Then he took servings to them from before him, but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

# **v.26-34** The Table Test of Heart Change

## Three Tests

### **1. The Question**

“Is your father well?”

### **2. The Seating**

Birth order perfectly arranged

### **3. The Favor**

Benjamin gets 5x more

## v.26-34 Fivefold Favor

**Joseph favored**

→ hated

→ sold

**Benjamin favored**

→ no jealousy

→ no anger

→ no resentment

Their hearts had changed (Jam. 1:12)

# v.26-34 Theological Arc

What is God Doing?

Pressure → Surrender

Fear → Conviction

Testing → Repentance

Mercy → Reconciliation



**1st Takeaway = Ask: “What is God doing”**

**PRESSURE CAN BE PREPARATION**

**God uses pressure to:**

expose idols

deepen trust

build endurance

prepare maturity

Rom. 5:3–5

James 1:2–4

Heb. 12:11

**2nd Takeaway = Confess and Come near**  
**GUILT KEEPS YOU HIDING,**  
**GRACE INVITES YOU IN**

**In Christ:**

no condemnation

full forgiveness

bold access

a seat at the table

Rom. 8:1

Heb. 4:16

1 John 1:9

Luke 15:20–24

# 3rd Takeaway = Pray and Seek Peace

## RECONCILIATION REQUIRES REAL STEPS

Peace requires movement:

go in prayer

go first

go personally

go humbly

forgive freely

Matt. 5:23–24

Matt. 18:15

Rom. 12:18

Col. 3:13



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# Joseph as a Typology of Jesus

1. Beloved Son = Matt. 3:17
2. Sent by the Father = John 6:38
3. Rejected by His Own = John 1:11
4. Betrayed for Silver = Matt. 26:14–15
5. Delivered to the Gentiles = Matt.  
20:18–19
6. Stripped = Matt. 27:28, 35

7. Falsely Accused = Matt. 26:59–60
8. Numbered with Transgressors = Isa. 53:12;  
Luke 23:32–33
9. One Saved, One Condemned = Luke  
23:39–43
10. Exalted to the Right Hand of God = Acts  
2:33; Heb. 1:3
11. Bread for the Nations = John 6:35
12. Forgave His Betrayers = Luke 23:34

# HEAT - THORNS - CROSS - FRUIT

**Heat** = pressure, trials, difficulty (Ps. 88; James 1:1-15)

**Thorns** = our sin, flesh response (Eph. 4-6; Heb. 4:14-5:10)

# HEAT - THORNS - CROSS - FRUIT

**Cross** = God's gospel transformative power, changes our focus from self to Jesus, (Rom 1:16; 2 Peter 1:1-11)

**Fruit** = the new right, Holy Spirit, Grace-empowered response to life's struggles. (Ps. 1; Gal 5:22)