



When Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, **"Why do you look at one another?"** And he said, **"Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die."** So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt.

Genesis 42:1-3

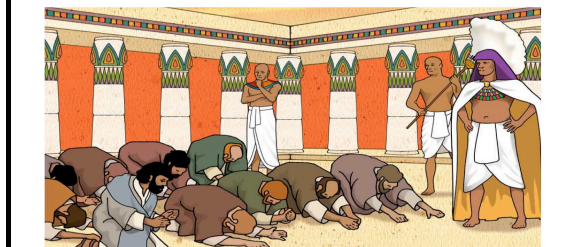
But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, **"Lest some calamity befall him."**

Genesis 42:4

Truth is, the only reason there was grain in Egypt to provide for their needs was because **God went before them and sent Joseph ahead of them all. God knew what He was doing.**

And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth.

Genesis 42:5-6



The great and glorious truth of **God's providence** is that **He can and does use the evil actions of man** towards us **to further His good plan.**

God's wisdom and goodness are greater than man's evil!

Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, **"You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!"**

Genesis 42:9



Then Joseph said to them the third day, **"Do this and live, for I fear God: If you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house; but you, go and carry grain for the famine of your houses. And bring your youngest brother to me; so your words will be verified, and you shall not die."** And they did so.

Genesis 42:18-20

Then they said to one another, **"We are truly guilty concerning our brother,** for we saw the **anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us,** and **we would not hear;** therefore this distress has come upon us."

Genesis 42:21

And Reuben answered them, saying, **"Did I not speak to you, saying, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us."**

Genesis 42:22

The only way to be freed of guilt
is to confess your sins
and receive the
grace and forgiveness and
freedom from the condemnation
that guilt puts us under.

So now there is **no condemnation** for those
who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you
belong to him, the **power of the life-giving
Spirit has freed you from the power of sin**
that leads to death. Romans 8:1-2 (NLT)

For God did not send His Son into the world
to **condemn** the world, but that the world
through Him might be **saved**.
John 3:17 (NKJV)

Then he returned to them again, and
talked with them. And he took Simeon
from them and bound him before their
eyes.

Genesis 42:24b



Then Joseph gave a command to fill their
sacks with grain, to restore every man's
money to his sack, and to give them
provisions for the journey. Thus he did for
them. Genesis 42:25

but one thing I do, **forgetting** those things
which are **behind** and **reaching forward** to
those things which are **ahead**, I **press**
toward the goal for the prize of the upward
call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

The blood of Jesus Christ is sufficient to free
you from the pain and guilt of your sins.
Don't hold onto it. Press upward.

So they loaded their donkeys with the
grain and departed from there. But as
one of them opened his sack to give his
donkey feed at the encampment, he saw
his money; and there it was, in the
mouth of his sack. So he said to his
brothers, "My money has been restored,
and there it is, in my sack!"

Genesis 42:26-28b

And Jacob their father said to them, "You
have bereaved me: Joseph is no more,
Simeon is no more, and you want to take
Benjamin. All these things are against me."

Genesis 42:36



Set your mind on things above, not on
things on the earth.

Colossians 3:1-2

And we know that all things work
together for good to those who love God,
to those who are the called according to
His purpose.

Romans 8:28

If any calamity should befall him along
the way in which you go, then you would
bring down my gray hair with sorrow to
the grave."

Genesis 42:37-38