


**“In one of his eight night visions, the prophet Zechariah saw a scroll flying through the land, bearing testimony to sin. On one side it contained the eighth commandment against stealing and on the other side the ninth commandment’s curse on false testimony. The prophet saw the scroll flying through Israel, exposing sin and convicting thieves and liars (Zech. 5:1-4). The sons of Jacob felt similarly pursued by their sins against Joseph, having long ago assaulted him and sold him into slavery. Their experience proves the warning of Numbers 32:23: ‘be sure your sin will find you out.’ So it is for us all. If we escape conviction in this life, never seeing the flying scroll that trails our lives, we will face a brutal reckoning in death. For this reason, the most urgent issue of our lives-and of Jacob’s sons’ lives-is what to do with our sins. How can our record be cleansed and our sins forgiven?”** —Richard Phillips

**“Joseph’s strategy, already brilliantly successful in creating the situations and tensions he required, now produces its masterstroke.”** —Derek Kidner

**“Joseph’s scheme is to make the brothers feel they are trapped in a network of uncanny circumstances they neither control or explain.”** —Robert Alter

**“It seemed as if everywhere they turned, they heard an echo of their mistreatment of their brother Joseph.”** —John Sailhamer

**“Everything rested on what they would do with Benjamin. The conditions were perfect for a second betrayal.”** —Kent Hughes

**“If you are young, you may feel there is very little you can do to serve the Lord. Here is a special word for you. Your loving obedience to your parents may be the very thing that makes other families wonder, ‘What has his or her family got that we don’t have? Their relationships with each other seem so different from ours.’ In a day when many families are alienated from each other, where there is sharp tension, where parents are often paralyzed in relationships with their children-terrified not only to say ‘no’ to them but to say anything to them-what a wonderful witness a Christian young person can be to others.”** —Sinclair Ferguson

**“You can always see repentance. Repentance is seen in a transformed life.”** —Sinclair Ferguson

**“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”** —Proverbs 28:13

**“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.”** —1 Peter 3:18