

JOSEPH

THE HIDDEN HAND OF GOD

Part 5: In Bringing His Plans
to Pass Pt.2 - Awakening the
Conscience
June 2nd, 2024
Genesis 41:46-42:38 (p.37)

Author: Moses with some later editors

Date: 1406BC

Melodic Line of Genesis: Despite the failure of God's covenant people, God's purposes and plans will come to fulfilment, not through the faithfulness of others but through the faithfulness of God.

INTERMISSION: JOSEPH'S WORK AND LIFE IN EGYPT (41:46-57)

BIG IDEA:

Three movements from Genesis 42 as He awakens the consciences of Joseph's brothers:

1. _____
(42:1-4)

2. _____
(42:5-28)

3. _____
(42:29-38)

EST 2020

MINING THE MESSAGE

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND FURTHER RESOURCES TO DIG
DEEPER

MIDWEEK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon highlights how God sometimes uses difficult circumstances to awaken our conscience and draw our attention to sin. Can you share a personal experience when God used challenging situations to convict you or bring you to a place of repentance? (See Hosea 5:15, Revelation 3:19)
2. The passage in Genesis shows Joseph's brothers initially lying and denying their wrongdoing towards him. Why do you think it's often so difficult for people to acknowledge their sins, even when confronted with evidence? How can we cultivate a posture of humility and openness to God's conviction? (See Jeremiah 17:9, James 5:16)
3. The sermon mentions the difference between having a heart of forgiveness and the act of forgiveness, which sometimes involves a process of repentance and owning up to sin. How can we strike a balance between being quick to forgive and ensuring that true repentance and reconciliation take place? (See Matthew 18:15-17, Luke 17:3-4)
4. The brothers' consciences were awakened through their encounter with Joseph, but ultimately, the sermon points to the gospel as the only way for our consciences to be truly cleansed and made alive. How has the power of the gospel transformed your own conscience and understanding of sin and forgiveness? (See Hebrews 9:14, 10:22, Titus 3:5)

DIGGING DEEPER

Resources to help you think deeper about this week's Bible message.

Recommended resources are not an endorsement of all the authors have said or written.

Something to Read:

Be Authentic - Warren Wiersbe

Living in the Light of Inexhaustible Hope - Iain Duguid and Matthew S. Harmon

The Vanishing Conscience - John MacArthur

Conscience - Andrew Naselli and JD Crowley

Unpacking Forgiveness - Chris Brauns

Something to Listen to:

Real Forgiveness is granted to Real Repentant - R.C. Sproul (available on YouTube)

The Severe Mercy Begins - Brian Borgman (available on SermonAudio.com)

Walking the Strange Road of Providence (Gen 42:1-28) - Dr. Michael Staton (available on YouTube)

Hidden Smile of Providence (Gen 42:29-38) - Dr. Steven J. Lawson (available on YouTube)

NEXT WEEK

Joseph: The Hidden Hand of God #6 - Genesis 43-44

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share.

[Above from book Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member by 9Marks]