

Genesis 44 - Joseph Tests His Brothers

Outline

Notes

A. Benjamin & The Silver Cup v. 1-17

- First Test: Jealousy for favoritism shown to others Gen. 43
- Second Test: Abandoning favored one to slavery Gen. 44
- Purpose: [1] test their character; [2] bring them to full repentance
- Innocent of stealing the cup, but guilty of greater sins v. 7-8
Gen. 37
- They tore their clothes, but better to rend your heart v. 12-13
Joel 2:13
- God has found out our iniquity We live *coram deo* v. 15
Heb. 4:13
- Benjamin was to be enslaved v. 17

B. Judah, a Willing Substitute v. 18-34

- Previous Character
 - Judah instigated plot to sell Joseph into slavery Gen 37:27
 - No concern for father's grief at loss of favored son Gen 37:31-33
- New Character
 - Judah initiated plan to take Benjamin's place v. 33
 - Deep concern for father's grief at loss of favored son v. 34
- Picture of Christ v. 32-34
 - Jesus took our place Matt. 20:28
 - To please the Father Isa. 53:10-11