

here. The nine of you are to go back and bring your brother and if you do, I know you are telling the truth."

- 4) Simeon was the one detained and held in Egypt.
- d. Joseph instructs his steward:
 - 1) "I want you to fill their bags full of grain."
 - 2) "I want you to put their silver back in their bags."
- e. The brothers start back and stopped to feed their donkeys.
 - 1) They opened up their bag and found the silver there in the bag.
 - 2) They say, "What is God doing to us? God is punishing us for what we have done. When this silver is discovered, they are going to think that we are thieves."
 - 3) Their guilty conscience is starting to take effect.
 - 4) Earlier when Joseph had told them he was going to keep nine of them and send one of them back, the brothers start talk among themselves and said, "The Lord is punishing us. We remember how Joseph pleaded for his life and we wouldn't listen." Their conscience was smiting them.
- f. The brothers go back home and tell Jacob all that happened.
 - 1) The only way they can get any more food is to bring Benjamin back. If Benjamin doesn't come down, they will be treated as spies.
 - 2) 42:35-36 - Everything seems to be against Jacob, but the Lord is in control of all that is going on.
 - 3) 42:37-38
 - i) Reuben says that he will be responsible for Benjamin and if he doesn't bring him back, he tells Jacob that he can kill both of Reuben's sons.
 - ii) But Jacob doesn't want to send him down.
- g. But the famine is severe and they are running out of food.
 - 1) Jacob says that they will have to go down and get more food.
 - 2) Judah intercedes.
 - i) He says that the only way they can go down is for Benjamin to go.
 - ii) He knew that Jacob didn't want Benjamin to go because he was the last son of Rachel.
 - iii) So Judah says that he'll bear personal responsibility for Benjamin.
 - iv) Judah was the same one that suggested ~~the~~^{that} Joseph be sold.
 - 3) Jacob decided to let Benjamin go.