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GENESIS 42

The Providence of God

“God is always doing ten thousand things in every act of providence. (That is an understatement.) Each of those ten thousand things is intended. Which means that God has millions and millions of goals every hour. He accomplishes all of them. We don’t know most of them. (That too is an understatement.)” (John Piper, *Providence*)

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. (Genesis 50:20)

The Background (Genesis 37-41)

Joseph has experienced betrayal, a pit, slavery, slander, and prison. He has also experienced the blessing of God and an unlikely promotion.

From the time Joseph arrived in Potiphar’s house to the time he became governor of Egypt, Joseph lived with an _____ of God’s _____ in his life.

The Trip to Egypt (Genesis 42:1-5)

When the famine hit Canaan, Jacob sent _____ of his sons to buy grain in Egypt.

These brothers have been _____ by guilty consciences for twenty years.

The Governor (Genesis 42:6-25)

Joseph recognized his brothers as they _____ before him.

Joseph _____ his brothers by recreating the scene at Dothan.

The Trip to Canaan (Genesis 42:26-38)

Joseph graciously _____ for the nine brothers travelling home.

Jacob felt like the world was _____ him.

The Gospel

God always keeps his _____ (Genesis 37:5-11, 40:6 ... Genesis 12, 15, 17-18).

Jacob was not willing to _____ the life of his beloved son Benjamin, but in the fullness of time God _____ his only begotten Son to die for sinners (Genesis 40:38 ... John 3:16, Galatians 4:4-5, 2 Corinthians 5:21).

“Sin is a _____ to carry.” (RC Sproul, *Joseph*)

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.” (Psalm 32:1-5)