

STUDY THIRTY NINE

**GODLY SORROW BRINGS
REPENTANCE**

Genesis 44

Introduction

The story gathers pace. Joseph has one final test for his brothers. How would they respond?

Questions for Discussion

1.a) What was Joseph's final test for his brothers?

b) Why did he do this?

2. Imagine the brothers as they left Egypt again.

a) How might they have been feeling?

b) How did their feelings change after the cup was found?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-10. What is the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow?

4. In v16 Judah tells Joseph of the brothers' innocence and their guilt.

a) What were they innocent of?

b) What were they guilty of?

c) When we feel guilty is it always because we have sinned?

d) If we have sinned what should we do? (See 1Jn. 1:9)

5. Look at Judah's speech in vv.18-34.

a) Who was Judah concerned for?

b) How had Judah changed over the last 22 years from the time they sold Joseph?
(See Gen. 37:26-27)

c) What had the Holy Spirit done in the hearts of Judah and of his brothers? (See Jn. 3:3)

6.a) What was Judah willing to do in order that Benjamin might go free (v.33)?

b) Can anyone do anything to gain salvation for someone else?

c) What has Christ done to bring salvation? (See Ro. 5:6-8)

d) How should we respond when we think about what Christ has done for us?

For Further Thought And Action

Is there any past sin that you need to repent of?

Memory Verse

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

2Corinthians 7:10