

A PROVIDENTIAL DIVINE APPOINTMENT
(Genesis 42)

Review

- What are some of the lessons that Joseph had to learn before being elevated as Prime Minister of Egypt?

1. God has a _____ or _____ for every person!

*What is the will of God for you?

2. God wants us to effectively _____ him, but he knows that will take some training or development in life! (this is the _____ process!)

3. _____ & _____ are important parts of God's training & development program in life.

4. Joseph had shown himself _____ during this time.

5. Keep in mind, it was God's desire to _____ Israel from Canaanite _____, to allow them to develop into a _____, in _____.

A. The Famine Comes to the Land (Genesis 42:1-5)

1. The famine drastically _____ all lands, but word spread that there was _____ in Egypt.

2. The famine was God's way of _____ bringing the brothers into direct contact with _____ again – this was a _____ indeed!

3. **The point:** If God was going to use these brothers as the _____ for the nation of Israel, then _____, _____, and _____ was needed on their part.

- How would God work this all out?

B. The Providential Meeting In Egypt (Genesis 42:6-24)

1. At their first meeting, Joseph _____ his brothers, but they did _____ him. (42:6-8)

- Why didn't they?

2. As they come before him, Joseph _____ his dreams of them _____
_____ to him (42:9a)

3. The way Joseph is about to *test* his brothers and bring them to _____ is a masterpiece of spiritual _____, _____, and divine _____. (42:9b-44:17)

- Why would the brothers need to be tested?

4. Joseph's test included a pretended accusation of his brothers ... "*you are* _____" (42:9-14)

5. Based upon what he overheard from his brothers after _____ in prison, Joseph realizes his brother's _____ / _____ were beginning to _____ in them (42:21-23)

6. This moved Joseph, as their present _____, to turn away from them & _____ by himself! (42:24a)

C. The Brother's Return to Canaan (Genesis 42:25-38)

1. As they return home, we see Joseph's _____ provision toward his _____ (42:25-28)

- Why did he do all this for them?

2. On their return home, the brothers discover their _____ in their sacks of grain, they felt God's hand _____!

3. Jacob's reaction to their story (42:29-36)... "*All these things are* _____!"

4. Jacob's decision _____ to let Benjamin go, reveals His limited _____ viewpoint on the matter (42:38)

- What does all this mean to you?