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Sanctuary

**Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

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To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**



Harlingen, TX

Yes Lord Yes

**I'll say yes Lord yes
To Your will and to Your way
I'll say yes Lord yes
I will trust You and obey**

**When the Spirit
speaks to me
With my whole heart
I'll agree
And my answer will be
Yes Lord yes**

**Lord I give You all the glory
For all You've given me
You have filled my life
Until I overflow
All I have is Yours
To use in any way You choose
You are Lord of all
So how can I say no**

**I'll say yes Lord yes
To Your will and to Your way
I'll say yes Lord yes
I will trust You and obey**

**When the Spirit
speaks to me
With my whole heart
I'll agree
And my answer will be
Yes Lord yes**

**If I never knew the fullness
Of living in Your will
I would never know how rich
My life could be**

**Lord my willingness
to serve**

**Is the least that
You deserve**

For the blessings

You have showered over me

**I'll say yes Lord yes
To Your will and to Your way
I'll say yes Lord yes
I will trust You and obey**

**When the Spirit
speaks to me
With my whole heart
I'll agree
And my answer will be
Yes Lord yes**



Juneau, AK

He Is Faithful

If we confess our sins

He is faithful

If we confess our sins

He is just

If we confess our sins

He is faithful

He is faithful

He is faithful to forgive

So call upon the Lord

He is faithful

So call upon the Lord

He is just

So call upon the Lord

He is faithful

He is faithful

He is faithful to forgive

Now call upon the Lord

He is faithful

Now call upon the Lord

He is just

Now call upon the Lord

He is faithful

He is faithful

He is faithful to forgive



Myrtle Beach, SC

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart

O God

And renew a right spirit

within me

Create in me a clean heart

O God

And renew a right spirit

within me

**Cast me not away
from Thy presence O Lord
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me
the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit
within me**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

and

GREETING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

John 17:22-23 "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

Do you enjoy working jigsaw puzzles? Jigsaw puzzles can be a lot of fun. (Open the box to reveal the pieces of the puzzle.) Wow! Look at all the pieces of this puzzle. The pieces of this puzzle are in many different sizes, shapes, colors. If you look at one piece of this puzzle, you don't get very much of the picture, do you? No, the pieces are not very important by themselves, but when they are all joined together and become one, they show the total picture. This jigsaw puzzle can teach us an important lesson about the church. The church is made up of many individual members. Like the pieces of this puzzle, the members of a church come in different sizes, shapes, and colors. Jesus himself prayed that the church would be one so that the world would see God's love in us. You and I are part of the picture. Jesus wants us to love one another, help one another, and serve one another. When we do that, we become one, just as Jesus prayed we would be, and when we are one, the world can see God's love in us. Unfortunately, just as it is sometimes difficult to put all of the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together, the individual members of the church sometimes have a hard time being one with each other. We may hear people in the church saying things like "I don't like the songs we sing" or "The preacher preaches too long." When we say things like that and concentrate on our own likes and dislikes, we are no longer being one. We are like the individual pieces of the puzzle. The world cannot see God's love in us. They don't get the whole picture. If you ever find yourself thinking about yourself, rather than being united with others in the church, remember that Jesus prayed that we would be one. When we are one, bound together by Christ's love, the world will see God's love through us.

Prayer



TITHES

OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven

Doxology

Praise God, from whom

all blessings flow:

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

A-men

Worship in Song

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To God Be The Glory

**To God be the glory
great things He hath done
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate
that all may go in**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father

through Jesus the Son

**And give Him the glory
great things He hath done**

**O perfect redemption
the purchase of blood
To every believer
the promise of God
The vilest offender
who truly believes
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father

through Jesus the Son

**And give Him the glory
great things He hath done**

**Great things He hath taught us
Great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher
and greater will be
Our wonder our transport
when Jesus we see**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
great things He hath done**



Kodachrome State Park, UT

Christ Receiveth Sinful Men

**Sinners Jesus will receive
Sound this word of grace to all
Who the heav'nly pathway leave
All who linger all who fall**

Sing it o'er and o'er again

Christ receiveth sinful men

Make the message clear and plain

Christ receiveth sinful men

**Come and He
will give you rest
Trust Him for
His word is plain
He will take the sinfulest
Christ receiveth sinful men**

Sing it o'er and o'er again

Christ receiveth sinful men

Make the message clear and plain

Christ receiveth sinful men

**Now my heart
condemns me not
Pure before
the law I stand
He who cleansed me
from all spot
Satisfied its last demand**

Sing it o'er and o'er again

Christ receiveth sinful men

Make the message clear and plain

Christ receiveth sinful men

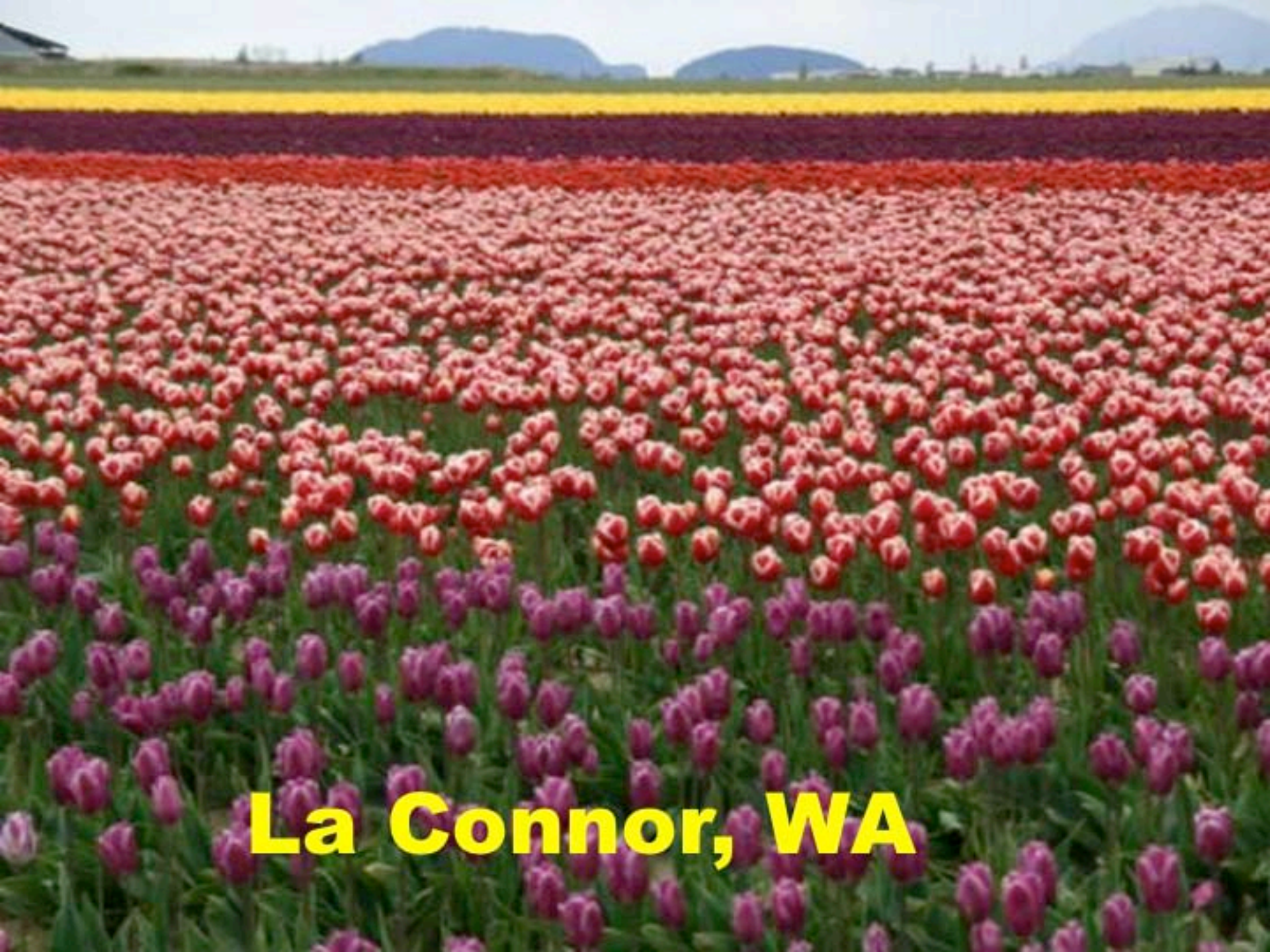
Christ receiveth sinful men

Even me with all my sin

Purged from every spot and stain

Heaven with Him I enter in

**Sing it o'er and o'er again
Christ receiveth sinful men
Make the message clear and plain
Christ receiveth sinful men**



La Connor, WA

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart oh God

Make it ever true

Change my heart oh God

May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

**Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You**

**WORSHIP THE LORD
IN HIS WORD**

Journey From Tragedy to Triumph

LESSON 5 . . . How To Have a Clear Conscience

TEXT: (Genesis 42:1-16)

**Please open your Bible and read
along with us.**

Genesis 42:1-16 “When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?” And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.” So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the

famine was in the land of Canaan. Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. And Joseph remembered

the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, “You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land.” They said to him, “No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies.” He said to them, “No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see.” And they said, “We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more.”

But Joseph said to them, “It is as I said to you. You are spies. By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies.” (ESV)

Introduction:

In the last chapter we saw Joseph brought from prison to see if he could interpret Pharaoh's dream.

Joseph told Pharaoh the dream meant there would be seven years of bountiful harvest followed by seven years of famine.

Impressed by Joseph's ability to interpret dreams and his wisdom in suggesting solutions, but primarily moved by GOD "...who had the heart of the king in His hand...", Pharaoh made Joseph governor of all Egypt.

Genesis 41:57 "And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands."

Thus, God has set the stage for the next scene in the life of Joseph, which brings us to:

I. The Alarmed Brothers *(42:1-5)*

In the first five verses of chapter 42 the scene changes from Egypt to Canaan, where there is widespread famine.

When Jacob, Joseph's father, hears there is food in Egypt, he says to his sons:

Genesis 42:1-2 "... Why do ye look one upon another?"

2 "And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die.""

The phrase "Why do you look at one another" is very revealing.

When Joseph's brothers hear there is grain to be purchased in Egypt why do they look so anxiously at one another?

Why are they disturbed about going to Egypt?

We find the answer in:

Genesis 37:28 "Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt."

The brothers know if they travel to Egypt there is the possibility of coming into contact with Joseph, who they believe is serving as a slave.

**From the day they sold
him, every time they heard
his name or the word
“Egypt” their consciences
reminded them of their
horrible sin.**

If we do not confess and forsake our sin, God sends certain things into our lives to set off the alarm we call a conscience.

In the case of Joseph's brothers, the alarm was sounded by the word "Egypt"; it was the famine that brought up the word.

God often uses adversity to set off our consciences.

An example of this truth is the story Jesus tells of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15.

In it a father has two sons.

One day the younger of the two humiliates his father by demanding his inheritance.

In essence he says, “Old man. I can’t wait until you die, I want my inheritance now.”

The father gives him his inheritance, which the younger son takes *to a far country* and squanders in wild living (Luke 15:13).

Finally, he finds himself in the most despicable place for a Jewish boy, feeding swine.

He is so poor and hungry *he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate* (Luke 15:16).

It is through this “personal famine” in his life that the younger son decides to do what, according to Luke 15:18-19?

Luke 15:18-19 "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

In the midst of adversity the younger son came to himself (Luke 15:17);

He came to his senses, and realized he needed to return to his father and confess his sin.

Often God allows us to go through some kind of famine to bring us to our senses—awaken our consciences—so we will come to genuine confession and restoration.

Thus, God uses a famine to awaken the consciences of Joseph's brothers.

Reluctantly, Joseph's *ten brothers* leave the youngest, Benjamin, behind and go *to "Egypt."*

Genesis 42:3-5 "And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. 4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him. 5 And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan."

After the alarmed brothers, we come to...

II. The Analysis by Joseph (Genesis 42:6-24a)

When Joseph's brothers arrive in Egypt they have to stand in line to buy food from Joseph, who sold to all the people of the land (42:6).

Joseph is now nearly 40 years of age.

He had been sold into slavery at 17, he was a slave and a prisoner for 13 years, he interpreted the dream of Pharaoh at age 30, the seven years of plenty had passed, and we are now at least a year or two into the famine.

Joseph's appearance had certainly changed in 20 years, not to mention his speech and attire, which are now Egyptian.

When the brothers come before Joseph, they bowed down before him:

Genesis 42:6 "And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth."

**This fulfills the dreams of Joseph,
recorded in Genesis 37:9-10.**

**Imagine what must have
gone through Joseph's
mind when he recognized
his brothers.**

He had the perfect opportunity to get even.

He could have ordered them immediately executed.

However, Joseph decides to analyze their hearts to see if they have changed.

He speaks *roughly to them* (42:7), questioning them about their reasons for coming to Egypt.

Finally he says to them, “*You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!*” (Genesis 42:9).

In other words, “You have come to see where Egypt is unprotected and vulnerable.”

Though the brothers vehemently deny being spies, Joseph devises a plan to analyze his brothers' hearts.

At first he says one of you . . . bring your brother (Benjamin), and the rest be kept in prison (42:16).

Possibly, Joseph wants to impress upon them the extent of his power over them.

His plan is designed to reveal their real attitude toward his only full brother, Benjamin, the other son of Rachel, Joseph's Mother.

After they spend three days in prison, Joseph revises his plan. (Genesis 42:18;)

Genesis 42:19-20 "If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: 20 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so."

It is important to note that as they discuss their dilemma, what do they think is causing their peril?

Genesis 42:21 "And they said one to another, We are verily **guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; **therefore** is this distress come upon us."**

Joseph speaks to them through an interpreter, so they do not know he can understand what they are saying in Hebrew.

Joseph hears his brothers' distress.

Twenty years has not alleviated their guilt, for Reuben says, concerning Joseph:

Genesis 42:22 "... Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? Therefore, behold, also his blood is required."

**At this point it is clear
Joseph's harsh
treatment and
imprisonment of his
brothers is not revenge.**

It was a means to appraise his brothers' hearts and to show them a spiritual truth later announced by Moses to the tribes who refused to go with him to take the Promised Land.

**Numbers 32:23 "But
if ye will not do so,
behold, ye have sinned
against the LORD:
and be sure your sin
will find you out."**

When Joseph sees his brothers struggling with their consciences and that they believe justice is catching up with them...

“...he cannot contain his emotions, so he turns *himself away from them and wept*” (42:24).

**Having looked at the Alarmed
Brothers and the Analysis By
Joseph, let's now consider..**

**III. The Activated
Consciences (Genesis
42:24b-28)**

To hide his forgiving and loving heart and to strike fear into his brothers, Joseph *returned to them again,*

“...and talked with them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes” (42:24).

To put Simeon in chains before their eyes would put horror in his brothers' hearts, for they would judge Joseph to be cruel and vindictive.

But Joseph knew it would require harsh treatment to bring them to repentance.

So it is with God.

When there is sin in our lives and the pressure of conscience does not bring us to repentance, it requires more drastic action on God's part.

The prophet Jonah refuses to go to the Gentile city of Nineveh to preach and bring it to repentance as God commands, but instead takes a ship to Tarshish. (The Opposite Direction)

**His conscience is not
enough to cause
repentance, for in the
midst of his sin and
running from God he is
fast asleep in the hold of
the ship (Jonah 1:5).**

When we sin and our conscience keeps us awake, tossing and turning all night, there is hope.

But, when we can sin and then go home, lie down, and go fast asleep, God must take drastic action.

**Therefore, what does GOD do
in the midst of Jonah's sin?**

**Jonah 1:4 "But the LORD
sent out a great wind into the
sea, and there was a mighty
tempest in the sea, so that the
ship was like to be broken."**

In twenty years Joseph's brothers have not confessed and repented of their sin.

Thus, God is sending a storm to further awaken their consciences and bring them to repentance.

Genesis 42:25 "Then Joseph gave a command to fill their sacks with grain, to restore every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. Thus he did for them."

The Bible doesn't say what Joseph's intention is for giving their money back.

However, on their journey back to Canaan;

Genesis 42:27 "But as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey feed at the encampment, he saw his money; and there it was, in the mouth of his sack."

When he tells his brothers about the money, their hearts failed them and they were afraid (42:28).

At this point they only know money is in one bag.

Joseph may have planted the money so they would think if they returned they would be accused of cheating Joseph, and he would severely punish them.

So, would they forget Simeon and devise another story like they did when Joseph was sold into slavery?

It is significant they say *to one another*, “*What is this that God has done to us?*” (42:28).

This is the first time any of Joseph's brothers mentions the name of God.

This is a breakthrough because they are in essence admitting God will somehow, some way, some day, punish them for their sin.

Fear of judgment is one way God awakens our conscience.

When Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit, what did He say the Holy Spirit would do in John 16:8?

John 16:8 " "And
when He has come, He
will convict the world
of sin, and of
righteousness, and of
judgment:"

God has placed in each of us a conscience that can be suppressed but that the Holy Spirit activates and causes us to realize this eternal, unchangeable truth:

“There is a payday some day for all unconfessed sin.”

Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,"

Having considered the Alarmed Brothers, the Analysis By Joseph, and the Activated Consciences, let's now look at:

IV. The Apprehension of Jacob **(42:29-38)**

Upon arriving in Canaan, the nine brothers tell Jacob what *happened to them* (Genesis 42:29-34).

To complicate matters further, “...it happened as they emptied their sacks, that surprisingly each man’s bundle of money was in his sack, and when they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.” (42:35).

What will they do?

**If they return to Egypt,
Joseph will treat them as
thieves,**

**and if they have Benjamin
with them, what will
happen to him?**

The strange story and the mysterious return of money only add to Jacob's apprehension.

In verse 36 it appears Jacob has always been suspicious of his sons' account of what happened to Joseph;

Genesis 42:36 "And Jacob their father said to them,

"You have bereaved me: Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin. All these things are against me.""

Reuben seeks to calm Jacob's fears by offering to give him his two sons (TO KILL) as proof they will bring Benjamin back safely (42:37).

Jacob does not want to risk the only remaining son of his beloved Rachel.

Genesis 42:38 "But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If any calamity should befall him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave.""

**God is using the
words of Jacob to
amplify the voice
of conscience.**

God uses the conscience of even the vilest person to try to bring them to repentance.

A case in point is Herod Antipas, governor of Galilee, who was known for his immorality and cruelty.

He was such a vile person he married Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod Philip.

For violating the laws of God, he was openly condemned and called upon to repent by John the Baptist, whom Herod respected and feared.

However, Herodias danced Herod into hell when she tricked him into beheading John.

Sometime later, word comes to Herod about the ministry and miracles of Jesus.

When Herod's tormented conscience hears of it, how does he respond in:

Mark 6:16 "But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!""

God was using Herod Antipas' conscience to bring him to repentance.

But Herod would not listen to his conscience.

The last recorded mention of Herod Antipas reveals a chilling reality.

While on trial Jesus was sent from Pilate to Herod Antipas because the case was under his jurisdiction and he was in town.

Finally, Herod will meet the miracle-working Jesus.

**This is Herod's chance to confess,
but instead what does Luke 23:8
say he desires of Jesus?**

**Luke 23:8 "... for he had desired for
a long time to see Him, because he
had heard many things about Him,
and he hoped to see some miracle
done by Him."**

He is no longer sensitive to what is holy and right, so after they:

“...treated Him with contempt and mocked Him they send Jesus back to Pilate to be crucified.” (Luke 23:11)

Titus 1:15 "To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled."

If we ignore the repeated warning of conscience, as Herod Antipas did;

We can eventually have what the Bible calls a ...

“...conscience seared with a hot iron (1 Timothy 4:2).

Searched translates a Greek word from which we get our English word “cauterize.”

It is the idea of desensitizing, to make insensitive to right and wrong.

Conclusion:

1 John 3:20 “for whenever our heart (CONSCIENCE) condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.” (ESV)

To refuse habitually to listen to our conscience is to desensitize it.

Examine your life to see if there is any unconfessed sin, because any sin you fail to confess will progressively desensitize your conscience.

Psalms 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; 24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

After confessing all known sin and making apologies where appropriate, what promise in 1 John 1:9 lets us know our sin has been totally taken care of so we can have a clear conscience?

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**To have a clear conscience,
remember...**

The Alarmed Brothers

The Analysis by Joseph

The Activated Conscience

The Apprehension of Jacob

INVITATION

Out Of My Bondage

Out of my bondage

sorrow and night

Jesus I come Jesus I come

Into Thy freedom

gladness and light

Jesus I come to Thee

**Out of my sickness
into Thy health
Out of my want
and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin
and into thyself
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of my shameful
failure and loss**

Jesus I come Jesus I come

**Into the glorious
gain of Thy cross**

Jesus I come to Thee

**Out of earth's sorrows
into Thy balm
Out of life's storms
and into Thy calm
Out of distress
to jubilant Psalm
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Out of unrest and
arrogant pride**

Jesus I come Jesus I come

Into Thy blessed

will to abide

Jesus I come to Thee

**Out of myself
to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair
into raptures above
Upward for aye
on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee**

**Benediction
and
Fellowship**