



“A Guilty Conscience”

Pain from down under
Genesis 42:1-20

Suffering with:

I. Confusion - “why do you look one upon another” (vs. 1-6)

It promotes:

A. Indecisiveness - “buy...that we may live and not die”

B. Incompetence - “Lest peradventure mischief befall him”

C. Ignorance - “bowed themselves before him”

II. Confrontation - “spake roughly to them” (vs. 7-16)

It probes our:

A. Motives - “ye are spies to see the nakedness of the land”

B. Methods - “send one of you and ...fetch your brother”

C. Message - “that your words may be proved”

III. Conviction - “put them all...into ward three days”(vs. 17-20)

It protects our:

A. Health - “This do, and live; for I fear God”

B. Home - “ carry corn for the famine of your houses”

C. Honor - “so shall your words be verified”

Sentence Sermon:

“The weight of a guilty conscience is to bring us to repentance.”

Additional Verses

- *Genesis 50:19-20*
- *Romans 12:19-21*
- *Acts 10:15*
- *Exodus 9:27*
- *I Samuel 24:5*
- *II Samuel 24:10*
- *Ezra 9:6*
- *Psalms 40:12*
- *John 8:7-11*

Clear Conscience

- *I John 1:9*
- *I Peter 3:16*
- *Acts 23:1; 24:16*
- *I Timothy 1:19*
- *Job 27:6*
- *Romans 9:1*
- *Hebrews 10:22*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. Why do you think Joseph’s brothers were slow to go to Egypt?
4. When do you think the brothers started thinking about Joseph?
5. How did Joseph make himself “strange” to his brothers?
6. Why did Joseph accuse his brothers of being spies?
7. When did Joseph plan out his response to help his brothers?
8. Why did Joseph question the brothers’ honesty?
9. What are some creative ways God can prick our consciences?
10. What is the worst part of having a guilty conscience?