

Genesis 42

1. Does the famine reach to Jacob's family? What are the benefits of famine?
2. How many start on the trip?
3. Who does not go and why?
4. How are they received in Egypt?
5. How do they approach the ruler?
6. What does this fulfill?
7. Why are they jailed? How many days in jail?
8. Do they make a confession?
9. What is the solution?
10. What was the distance between the two countries?
11. What caused them to fear?

notes: God in his providence sometimes seems harsh with those he loves, and speaks roughly to those for whom yet he has great mercy in store.

Thus God deals with the souls he designs for special comfort and honour; he first humbles them, and terrifies them, and brings them under a spirit of bondage, and then binds up their wounds by the Spirit of adoption.

The imprisonment of Simeon, v.24. He chose him for the hostage probably because he remembered him to have been his most bitter enemy, or because he observed him now to be least humbled and concerned; he bound him before their eyes to affect them all;

Guilty consciences are apt to take good providences in a bad sense, and to put wrong constructions even upon those things that make for them. They flee when none pursues.

Through our ignorance and mistake, and the weakness of our faith, we often apprehend that to be against us which is really for us. We are afflicted in body, estate, name, and relations; and we think all these things are against us, whereas these are really working for us the weight of glory.