

# A good day to get even

or, *How God deals with secret sin*  
Genesis 42-45, 50

## **42:1-7**

God began the process of humbling Jacob's sons

## **42:8-17**

Joseph's actions were motivated by the dreams not by revenge

## **42:18-24**

Joseph began to test his brothers – affliction

Would they accept responsibility and tell the truth?

## **42:25 – 43:25**

Joseph continued to test his brothers – prosperity

Would they accept their guilt and confess their wrongs?

## **43:26-34**

Joseph loved his brothers and demonstrated concern for their welfare, respect for their position in the family, and generosity to all, especially Benjamin

## **44:1-34**

Joseph's final test of his brothers – responsibility

Would they be concerned for others, or only think of themselves?

## **45:1-28**

Joseph had gained a new perspective – “God sent me”

## **50:15-26**

The brothers were unwilling to accept forgiveness

Behind all the events of history lies the unchanging plan of God

## **Principles to Practice**

Forgive, even if they don't admit guilt or ask for forgiveness

Leave the righting of wrongs to God

See God's providence in man's evil

Repay evil with forgiveness and affection

Learn to accept and receive forgiveness