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# BUT GOD

A STUDY OF THE  
LIFE OF JOSEPH

"INVITATION TO THE  
BANQUET OF GRACE"  
GENESIS 42:38 – 43:34

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**Introduction:** What is it that is preventing you from approaching God to receive all the gifts He wants to lavish upon you? Pride? Fear? In today's account of the second trip Joseph's brothers made to Egypt, we will see a marvelous picture of God's grace available to those who lay aside their pride and fear and accept His invitation to "come and dine" at the "banquet of grace."

## I. **Jacob: Picture of Pride** (Genesis 42:36-43:15)

Genesis 42:36 "Their father Jacob said to them, 'You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and you would take Benjamin; all these things are against me.'"

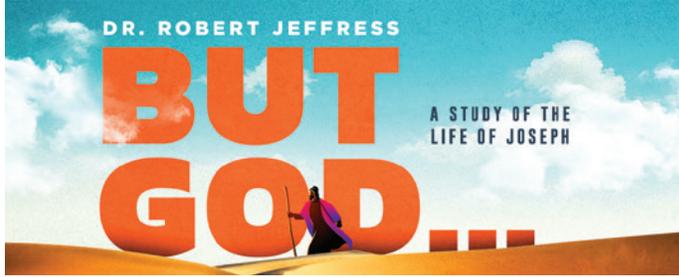
Genesis 43:1-2 <sup>1</sup> "Now the famine was severe in the land. <sup>2</sup> So it came about when they had finished eating the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, 'Go back, buy us a little food.'"

Genesis 43:6 "Then Israel [Jacob] said, 'Why did you treat me so badly by telling the man whether you still had another brother?'"

Genesis 43:8-9 <sup>8</sup> "Judah said to his father Israel, 'Send the lad with me and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, we as well as you and our little ones. <sup>9</sup> I myself will be surety for him; you may hold me responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame before you forever.'"

Genesis 43:11-12 <sup>11</sup> "Then their father Israel said to them, 'If it must be so, then do this: take some of the best products of the land in your bags, and carry down to the man as a present, a little balm and a little honey, aromatic gum and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds. <sup>12</sup> Take double the money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was a mistake.'"

Isaiah 55:1 "Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost."



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### II. **The Brothers: Picture of Fear** (Genesis 43:16-25)

Genesis 43:18 “Now the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph’s house; and they said, ‘It is because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time that we are being brought in, that he may seek occasion against us and fall upon us, and take us for slaves with our donkeys.’”

Genesis 43:22 “We have also brought down other money in our hand to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks.”

Romans 5:1 “Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

### III. **Joseph: Picture of Grace** (Genesis 43:26-34)

Genesis 43:27 “Then he asked them about their welfare, and said, ‘Is your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?’”

Genesis 43:29-30 <sup>29</sup> “As he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother’s son, he said, ‘Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?’ And he said, ‘May God be gracious to you, my son.’ <sup>30</sup> Joseph hurried out for he was deeply stirred over his brother, and he sought a place to weep; and he entered his chamber and wept there.”

Isaiah 30:18 “Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.”

Conclusion