

[Joseph Study #8]
“What Does the Future Hold for Me?” (Genesis 42)
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God’s unvarying rule of the future:

- We reap what we sow. (Galatians 6:7)
- “If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it.” (Proverbs 26:27)

**1. If we engage in ungodly financial practices,
we will reap financial disaster. (1-5)**

- Joseph’s brothers had sold him into slavery. (37:28)
- Now, they face financial disaster themselves!

**2. If we treat others poorly and/or harshly,
we will reap harsh treatment for ourselves. (6-20)**

- Joseph was still a “prisoner” emotionally!
- But God was working on Joseph’s heart!

**3. If we cause others emotional distress,
we will reap even deeper emotional problems. (21-38)**

- The brothers felt guilt and fear. (21, 35)
- The father felt fear and despair. (35, 36)

**4. If we treat others well and with grace,
we will be treated better than we deserve. (25)**

- On earth. See Galatians 6:9-10
- In heaven. See Matthew 19:21

5. If we sin, we will reap an accounting for that sin. (22)

- On Judgment Day, we will each be called to account.
(Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:12; Hebrews 4:13)
- Jesus paid our sin-debt on the cross. (1 John 2:2; 4:10)

For Christians, the account now says, Paid in Full!