



ROAD BLOCKS

Fear (Genesis 41-45) – “Roadblocks” – October 27-28, 2018 **STUDY NOTES II SPEAKING TIM HOWEY**

// Why study Joseph?

- Joseph’s life foreshadowed Jesus & helps us today.

// What has Joseph faced?

- Family of Origin
- Troubles
- Limbo
- The Fear of God

// The fear of God is a view of God that’s

- Awe inspiring
- Ego-shattering
- Choice-altering
- Life-giving

• Now Joseph *was* governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed down before him with *their* faces to the earth. Genesis 42:6 NKJV

• Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. Then he said to them, “Where do you come from?” And they said, “From the land of Canaan to buy food.” Genesis 42:7 NKJV

• “Send one of you, and let him bring your brother; and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be tested to see whether *there is* any truth in you; or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you *are* spies!” Genesis 42:16 NKJV

• So he put them all together in prison three days. Genesis 42:17 NKJV

• Then Joseph said to them the third day, “Do this and live, for I fear God: Genesis 42:18 NKJV

- And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell... Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Matthew 10:28, 31 NKJV
- The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death. Proverbs 14:27 NKJV
- So he said to his brothers, "My money has been restored, and there it is, in my sack!" Then their hearts failed *them* and they were afraid, saying to one another, "What *is* this *that* God has done to us?" Genesis 42:28 NKJV
- Now the men were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, "*It is* because of the money, which was returned in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may make a case against us and seize us, to take us as slaves with our donkeys." Genesis 43:18 NKJV
- Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence." Genesis 45:3 NKJV
- But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. Genesis 45:5 NKJV

// The love of God casts out fear

- And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16 NKJV
- There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18 NKJV

// Fear is self-focused

// Love is other-focused