

Scripture Reading: Genesis 42:1-28

What is this that God has done unto us?

When there was severe famine all over the earth, Jacob knew that there was corn in Egypt and sent his sons to buy from there. All the 10 except Benjamin came to Egypt and were not able to recognize Joseph. They pleaded with him for food grains. The dream that God had given Joseph fulfilled that day. Joseph too didn't reveal himself and wanted them to realize the wrong they've done to him. Joseph said that they were spies who've come to spy the land. All the brothers wanted to prove their innocence. Joseph said that one among them should stay back until the youngest brother is brought to him from Canaan. Simeon was bound in Egypt and the rest nine brothers returned unto their father. On their way back when they opened their sack of corn, they found the money they had given for the corn being restored in the sack. When they saw that, they said to one another, "What is this that God has done unto us?"

Question:

How could they question, "What is this that God has done unto us?" Even when they knew the harm they had done to Joseph?

Answer:

Many a times we are not bothered to consider the impact of our wrongdoings over others and the impact that will have over us. Since we often have the attitude that God should forgive us, we tend to ask such questions. Their repentance was not wholesome. 'Why did this happen to us even after acknowledging our sin and grieved about it (verse 21)? They thought that just grieving about their sin made them worthy of being forgiven. But what God earnestly expects is, true repentance. True repentance will not let them sin again.

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy". Proverbs 28:13

Prayer

Father, give me the attitude that was in Joseph to love my brothers and to forgive those who sin against me. Amen