

Dreamer: The Life of Joseph ***A Study in Genesis 37-50***

Joseph's Gift
Genesis 40:1-23
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Main Point: Though God's people will endure unjust suffering and persecution, He providentially cares for and equips His people through such circumstances, leading to our vindication and eventual exaltation.

I. ONCE AGAIN, INTO THE PIT (vv. 1-4, 15)

- The innocence of Joseph (Gen.39:9-12; Eph.6:6; Col. 3:22)
- The sin of Pharaoh's officials (vv. 1-4)
- From one pit to the next (v. 15; Gen.37:18-24)
- The will of God? (Gen. 39:21-23, 50:20; 1 Pet. 3:17, 4:19)

II. A TALE OF TWO DREAMS (vv. 5-19)

- Troubling dreams (vv. 5-8)
- Interpretations belong to God (v. 8; Dan.2:20-23, 27-28; Heb.1:1; 1 Cor. 14:33; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet.1:3)
- Grace for the cupbearer (vv. 9-13)
- Justice for the baker (vv. 16-19)
- Joseph requests a "kindness" (vv. 14-15).

III. FORGOTTEN BY MAN, NOT BY GOD

- Joseph is vindicated by God on the third day (vv. 20-22).
- The cupbearer forgets Joseph (v. 23).
- The cupbearer's "kindness" fails, but the Lord's "steadfast love" never fails (Ps. 106:1).
- Joseph's exaltation would come (Gen. 37:5-9; 41:1).

IV. PROTOTYPE OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT (Isaiah 53)

- Joseph's story is a type of Christ.
- Christ went down to the pit of the grave, vindicated Himself on the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- Christ endured suffering and was exalted (Heb.12:1-3).
- Christ exercises right dominion over the cosmos (Col.1:15-20).
- Christ's vindication and exaltation will be ours one day (Rev.20-21).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 40:1-23

1. How would you explain the hilltops, valleys, and pits of the Christian life to a young believer?
2. What are some of the good things God brings through suffering?
3. How does God reveal Himself to us? How can we know His will?
4. What promises of God have been most encouraging to you during seasons of waiting and suffering?
5. What gifts has God given you? How can you use them to serve others in the church?