

The Example of **JOSEPH**

(Part 2)

Genesis 50

Acts 2:22-36

Luke 19:1-10



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God's Eternal Purpose

- What God purposes HE does! (Isaiah 14:24-27; 46:9-11; Job 23:13)
- God's covenant with Jacob (Genesis 28:13-15)
- God's covenant with Christ - the Everlasting Covenant.
- Remember NO IF's!.

Together in 2023

- Following Christ because we love Him. (1 John 5:3; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14)
- Catechism and Meditation: "Deliver us from evil."
- Prayer for Revival

Reviewing Essential Terms

- CREATOR/LORD
- SOVEREIGNTY
- ELECTION
- PROVIDENCE
- COVENANT

Joseph: The Man

- Descendant of Abraham and Isaac
- Son of Jacob and Rachel
- His Family
- His dreams

Joseph: Seventeen to Twenty-Eight

- Review from last week's sermon.
- MEDITATE: Genesis 50:20 with Psalm 105:16-22
- God moved Moses to write down Joseph's life story for our learning. (Romans 15:4) Not to learn from Joseph makes us fools. Fools do not go to heaven.

Two More Dreams (Genesis 40:1-22)

- “It came to pass . . .”
- The king’s chief butler and chief baker have dreams!

Forgotten! (Genesis 40:23; 41:1)

- (41:1) The Butler forgot about Joseph for **TWO** years.
- ☆ The watchword for Christians in the midst of suffering is not **escape**, but **endurance**: (James 1:2-4; Hebrews 12:11; 1 Peter 5:10)
- ☆ Consider your imprisonment - day after day the same routine, hoping that every time the prison door opens it would mean a promotion, a sale, a job, healing, relief from griefs – but day in and day out the same thing happens. **You can either get bitter or allow God to work in your life** – even if it means 2 years or even 11 years!
- ☆ God waits so that He will receive all the glory. (Isaiah 30:18)
- ★ From superficial thinking to mature thinking.
 - Enemies territory.
- ☆ Forgetfulness:
 - We forget others.
 - We forget God - especially when we are “fat” - as all of us in the West are! (Deuteronomy 4:23; **BEWARE - Deuteronomy 6:12; 8:11-19; Psalm 78:7**)
 - We even forget that God **does not** forget . . .
 - **BUT God never forgets us.** (Consider the blight of Noah and Genesis 8:1; God’s promise to Jacob - Genesis 28) (Deuteronomy 4:31;)
- ☆ Consider Jesus’ faithfulness with the thief on the cross: Luke 23:42-43
- Joseph suffered more INJUSTICE!
- What should we expect in life? Job, Daniel, Ezekiel, Christ, Paul.

Another Dream: God Reveals What HE Is About to Do (Gen 41:15-32)

- After two more years in prison!
- God sends a dream to Pharaoh - remember God is control and Pharaoh’s heart is in God’s hand. (Proverbs 21:1)
- Seven years of good harvest; seven years of famine - **WHAT GOD WAS GOING TO DO** - all to fulfill His purpose (v. 32). God controls the harvest and famine! God is sovereign over everything.

Joseph Promoted - From Prisoner to Prime Minister (Genesis 41:33-44)

- Joseph gives counsel to Pharaoh and Pharaoh **listens!** (Proverbs 21:1)
- In a “twinkling of an eye” Joseph goes from being a prisoner to second-in-command with all authority!!
- **ONLY** Joseph can save!
- **REMEMBER** it is God who is fulfilling His eternal purpose.

God Brings His People to Egypt

- (Acts 15:18) (Genesis 15:13-16) Just as He told Abraham!!!
- This will be the start of the next phase of God's plan for His nation Israel, the Messiah, and all His special people throughout all the ages.

Repentance and Forgiveness

- Joseph's brothers must repent
 - REPENTANCE: Acknowledgment of sin, sorrow for sin, turn from sin to obedience to God's commands.
 - Without repentance there can be no reconciliation – only condemnation, wrath and indignation.
- Joseph's example of forgiveness
 - Immediate.
 - Complete

Joseph: A Picture of Christ

- "Favorite" sons for their fathers.
- Rejected by their brethren.
- Suffered at the hands of their brethren and Gentiles.
- "Died" (Joseph was "dead" as far as Jacob knew)
- Exalted after their death
- Savior and Lord of their people.
- See handout: Joseph: A Picture of Christ
- For a more in-depth list find *Gleanings in Genesis*, by A.W. Pink.
 - There is a link on today's sermon page.

God Uses Evil for Good (Genesis 50:20)

- Circle the word "it".
- God sent Joseph to Egypt. God put Joseph in prison!!
(Consider Paul: Ephesians 3:1; 4:1)
- God's sovereignty over evil, as He is sovereign over all and everything. (Isaiah 45:7; Ecclesiastes 7:13-14; Proverbs 16:4; Jeremiah 51:20; Amos 3:6; Isaiah 10:5-6; Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6; Acts 4:28; 1 Peter 1:18-20; Lamentations 3:37-38; Romans 11:36)
- The differences between God's use of evil and man's.
 - Man's evil proceeds from an evil purpose; God's use of evil proceeds from a good purpose.
 - Man's evil is directed to an evil end; God's use of evil is directed to a good end.
 - Man does evil in a wrong/sinful manner; God uses evil in a holy and wise way.

- Man does evil without God's glory in mind; God does everything for His glory.

The Glorious Gospel in the Life of Joseph

- God unfolds His plan in the life and person of Joseph to foreshadow what He will do by and through His own Son.
- God, the Father, sent His Son, whom He greatly favored to His people.
- Christ was rejected by His brothers and unbelievers today.
- Christ came to seek, find, and save those who have treated Him and His Father treacherously. (Luke 19:10; 15:4; Matthew 1:21)
- Christ suffered for those whom He came to save. (Galatians 1:4; 2:20; Titus 2:14; John 15:11, 13; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 5:2)
- Christ's suffering was not just for the Jews, but for the WORLD (all nations). (John 3:16; Revelation 7:9)
- God gave all power, judgment and authority to Christ. (John 5:22, 27; Matthew 28:18)
- There is only ONE Mediator between God and sinners - Christ Jesus. (1 Tim 2:5; Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24)
- NO ONE IS SAVED APART FROM CHRIST. (Acts 4:12)
- One must confess and repent of their sins before salvation is granted. (Acts 17:30; 1 John 1:8-9)
- With confession and repentance comes immediate forgiveness and reconciliation (grace)! (Luke 15:7)
- With grace comes faith - knowing Christ. (John 17:2-3)
- Every knee now is to bow and confess that Christ is Lord. (Romans 10:9-10; Psalm 2:11-12; Philippians 2:9-11)

God's Glorious Gospel and You

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