

Joseph Interprets the Dream
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Review

- BEGINNINGS—OF THE HUMAN RACE; OF THE HEBREW RACE
- FOUR EVENTS: CREATION, FALL, FLOOD, NATIONS
- FOUR PEOPLE: ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, JOSEPH (the promise)

Genesis 41:25-36 (today dealing with chapters 39-41:36)

Truths concerning the account of Joseph:

1) The Lord was with Joseph

Genesis 39:2- *The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.*

Genesis 39:5-6- *From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.*

Genesis 39:20-21- *Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ^{the} LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.*

As a believer the Lord is **always** with us. The question is, how often do we fail to recognize it **believe** it, and **depend** on it?

Joseph's attitude: **Psalm 56:11-in God I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me?**

Psalm 118:6-*The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?*

2) Joseph's accountability was first to God and then to others

The thing that **kept** Joseph going was His **God**.

His brothers didn't know it and Joseph really didn't know it at the time, but Joseph's accountability to God would pay huge **dividends** for himself and for his family. The same is true for **us!**

Joseph didn't have a "care free" attitude, rather his attitude was to follow and please God! We can't not care, too much is at stake!

What is your attitude? If it's not right ask God to change it, too much is **hanging** in the balance.

3) Joseph's focus was not on the situation at hand

Not controlled by **emotions**, flesh, people, or circumstances but by **faith** and of the spirit!

Joseph was rejected, sold, falsely accused, put in prison, forgotten, remembered, and then elevated.

His **focus** though was always on God and the things of God! Our focus or lack thereof has huge effects!

4) God used Joseph's obedience to save thousands

Genesis 50:20- *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

My **obedience** or disobedience matters!

5) God used Joseph's difficult circumstances to mold him and use him for His glory

2 Corinthians 4:17- *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

Romans 5:3-5- *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

James 1:2-4- *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

The Lord is with us, we are accountable to Him and to others, keep your focus on Him and He will use your obedience even in the struggle! God will always accomplish His purposes, don't miss the blessings!