

JOSEPH'S FAITHFULNESS.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: Gen. 39:2-3, 21-24.

B. Regarding the text:

1. The Bible pictures the lives of many men. Both good and bad.
2. Sometimes both good and bad things found in the same person. (Noah, Moses, David, Paul, Peter and others.)
3. Joseph is a faithful man (**Gen. 41:38**).
4. He faced many trying times but always trusted God.

C. By Joseph, the promise to Abraham is fulfilled (Gen. 15:13-14).

DISCUSSION: IN THIS STUDY LET US OBSERVE...

I. HIS CHARACTER.

A. His early life is not detailed for us.

B. Yet, there are two distinct things stated about his home life.

1. His father's love (**Gen. 37:2-3**).
2. His brothers hated him (**Gen. 37:5-8**).
 - 1) His father sent him to check on his brethren.
 - 2) He was cast into a pit and sold to the Ishmaelites.

C. Adversity did not change his character.

II. SOLD INTO SLAVERY (GEN. 39:1-6).

A. His brothers sold him into slavery.

1. He became the overseer of Potiphar's house.
2. God's providential hand!

B. Even as a slave, he did not forget God.

1. Potiphar's wife tempted him, BUT he would not commit this sin (**Gen. 39:9**).
 - 1) NOTE: He was loyal to Potiphar, to God and to himself.
 - 2) His integrity stands out. (*David's did not.*)
2. Potiphar's wife lied about him. He was cast into prison (**Rom. 8:28**).

III. PRISON DID NOT CHANGE HIM (GEN. 39:20-23).

A. He did what was right (even in a bad situation).

B. He endured his unfair circumstances.

C. A dream interpreted.

1. He did not boast, he gave the glory to God (**Gen. 40:8**).
2. The butler and baker were restored to their former positions.
 - 1) Joseph asked to be remembered.
 - 2) But was not remembered for TWO years.

D. Pharaoh had a dream and the butler and baker remember that Joseph could interpret dreams.

1. God's providence.
2. Joseph is elevated to a high position (**Gen. 41:40-33**).

IV. BACK IN PHARAOH'S HOUSE (GEN. 41:37-46).

A. Joseph never failed to honor God (Gen. 41:16, 28, 39**).**

B. Thus, God was brought about the promise to Abraham (Gen. 15:14**).**

1. The famine brought his brothers in search of food (**Gen. 42:3-8**).
2. Ultimately Israel grew from Joseph being sold into slavery.

V. CONCLUSION:

A. Joseph is an example for good.

B. He trusted in God and remained faithful.