9 Joseph's Trial and Nobility



Joseph was a child given to his father Jacob when his father was of very old age. Also being the first son of his father's beloved wife Rachel, Joseph grew up receiving the love of his father with exclusive possession. However, his brothers were jealous of this and sold him away to Egypt for twenty pieces of silver (Genesis 37:28).

Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. (Genesis 37:28)

Joseph underwent much trial and suffering living as a servant in Egypt. While working as the head servant of Potiphar's household, Potiphar's wife requested everyday that Joseph lie with her. But because Joseph refused her to the end, Potiphar's wife falsely accused him and had him sent to jail (Genesis 39:11-20).

But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her. (Genesis 39:8-10) However, with God allowing all this to happen, Joseph was able to do several things for God there (Genesis 39:22-23).

Afterwards, God has Egypt's pharaoh dream a strange dream and has Joseph interpret that dream. Through this, Joseph was able to win the favor of pharaoh and become the Prime Minister of Egypt. Joseph not only brought Egypt out of years of great famine, but was also able to save his father and brothers out of the land of Canaan. Joseph was able to sit on a high position of nobility because he endured the long period or trial he received from God. It appears to have been a time of youth wasted for Joseph. However, if we look at it in God's standards, it was not a time of wasted youth but a time of refinement. God had plans for Joseph and with them he refined and strengthened Joseph- so whatever suffering we receive, we should not be discouraged or blame God for our hardship.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may _____. (Psalms 119:71)



Fellowship

01. List three reasons why Joseph was hated by his brothers.

02. Write down what Joseph said when he refused the temptation of Potiphar's wife, and let's discuss who Joseph really feared. (Genesis 39:89)

03. For how long did Joseph spend his life as a slave and as an Egyptian official? (Genesis 37:2, 28, 41:46)

04. Compare the actions of Joseph to that of Jesus's and reflect how Joseph resembled Jesus. (e.g. after Joseph's suffering, he becomes a prime minister of Egypt; Jesus comes to sit on the right-seat of God).

05. It is inexpressible the suffering Joseph must have went through after being falsely accused of a crime he did not commit, and having to spend much of his youth in prison. Let's compare our hearts to that of Joseph, who came to rely more on God in times of suffering rather than scorning God.

Memory Verse(s)

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.(Romans 5:3-4)



{ Looking back }

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	Today's word Write down today's word!	Today's prayer Thankfulness/Repentance /Earnest request
Sun	Ge 39:2-3	
Mon	1 Pe 1:7	
Tue	Ge 39:10	
Wed	1 Pe 4:12	
Thu	Ro 5:3-4	
Fri	Jam 1:2-3	
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