

The Life of Joseph - Week 1

Gen 37:1-13

Gen 37:1 Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. 2 This is the account of Jacob. (God changed his name to Israel) Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him (a coat of many colors). 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

- It is that _____ of Joseph that demanded so much of the book of Genesis.
- The great goal of the Holy Spirit in the life of a person is to make him like_____.

How was Joseph like Christ?

1. Joseph was _____ to his father, as was Jesus.
Joseph was not born, he was _____.
2. Joseph, like Jesus, lived a life of _____.
Joseph, like Christ, remained_____ to his character through faith in a God he knew in his heart. This God spoke to him often in dreams.
3. Joseph and Jesus both had _____ drive.
4. The brother's _____ could not tolerate Joseph's favoritism or his _____. Jesus, in the same way, was rejected by the _____.

Joseph overcame three temptations:

1. The temptation to _____
2. The temptation to _____
 - It is a grave injustice to call Joseph a _____.
 - Because he was faithful to his father the text here implies that his father _____ him to give an honest report of the family.
 - It was part of his _____ to report what was going on with the sheep and the boy
3. The temptation to give up his _____

- He allowed his _____ to grow and not be influenced by others.
- Maybe that is what we need in our lives today--to be undivided in our love for God and family without allowing the circumstances of life to steal our _____.
- Joseph had the courage to follow his _____.

Joseph's Spiritual _____

- It was given to the son who would be the father's _____.
- It marked Joseph out as the one _____ by Jacob to rule the clan after he passed.
- The brothers eyed the coat with undisguised _____.

The Robe of Christ

- Jesus wore the robe of a _____ and gave up all the rights given to Him. He was willing to give up His birthright for us.
- It was a robe of _____
- It was a robe of _____
- It was a robe of _____

What does this say about God?

1. We have a special _____ in God's life and heart.
2. His love is not dependent on our _____.
3. The power to _____ and (we will see this in Joseph life) is given to us by God.