

Joseph Week 10

Joseph, the Prophet

Gen 41:28 "It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. 29 Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, 30 but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. 31 The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. 32 The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon. 33 "And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. 35 They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. 36 This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine." 37 The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. 38 So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."

- Nowhere in scripture, or in Joseph's nature, do we see a spirit of _____.
- The man who teaches us perseverance and patience now teaches us _____ and will teach it again later with his own family.
- Intended _____ becomes ultimate good.
- Good and evil are not _____; both are planned out by either the evil ones or a loving God.
- God is not _____ sovereign.
- God is not _____ victorious.

In Joseph's life we see two great truths:

1. _____ had Joseph just where he wanted him. So did God!
2. God has not forgotten you--- He is _____ you.
 - Resist the temptation to think that God somehow does not see your struggle.
 - To test: means to take a _____ look at...to look...to choose.
 - Remember all tests are temporary and limited in duration.
 - Let your test become your _____ of what God did in your life or the lives of others.
 - Rather than asking God to change your _____, be willing to let the circumstances change you.

Joseph's Summons

- Joseph had a flaw to be corrected: _____
- No man is fit to declare the counsels of God who is not deeply aware of his own _____ and shortcomings.
- Joseph had much to _____.
- God's divine providence is not _____ to do things the way we might think they need to be done.

The Meeting with Pharaoh

Notice four things about Joseph at that meeting:

1. The _____ of Joseph's Character
He was _____ and respectful, yet completely honest and open with Pharaoh.
2. Joseph's _____
3. Joseph's _____
His inner life controlled his outer circumstances; never did the outer circumstances control his inner life.
4. Joseph's Ability to Discern _____

Joseph as God's Prophet

1. Joseph's _____
2. Joseph's _____
3. Joseph's _____ Answer
Pharaoh remarkably did not fail to _____ God here

How was Joseph able to speak so openly with Pharaoh?

- Joseph, by now, had experienced the thing most of us miss in life:

- Brokenness: Knowing that I cannot do or be what I need to do or be without _____ help.

Characteristics We See in Joseph

1. When waiting on God, he trusted without _____.
2. Joseph had presence of _____.
3. His nature was to be _____ and _____.
4. Joseph had a God _____.
5. Joseph had a _____ good sense.