

The Life of Joseph – Week 2

Joseph's Dreams, Brothers Betrayal - Gen 37:5-13

Gen 37: 5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." 8 His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. 9 Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." 10 When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" 11 His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. 12 Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, 13 and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them.

- In Joseph's life he had only two recorded dreams and they were _____ from God.
- He was _____-bound to share the dreams because they were not just for him, but for his family as a prophecy of what God would do one day.

The First Dream-The Sheaves

- Some think Joseph was a _____ and unwise young man--his father's favorite with a really nice coat.
- Joseph was a _____ of his father's favoritism and his brothers hated him.
- The first dream was one of position and _____ relating to earth.
- The harvest field was a _____ of the world resources-- its bounty and wealth.
- Power and _____ are usually given to those God can trust.

The Second Dream-The Stars

- In Genesis 1 we learn that the sun, moon, and stars are symbols of _____.

The Causes for the Betrayal

1. The wrath of four of the brothers toward Joseph _____ their failure to do their jobs.
2. Jacob's _____ of Joseph was evident. Though Joseph was his father's darling, yet he was made, and was willing to be, his father's _____.

Notice two things about Joseph's mission and his servant attitude:

- The mission was _____.
Jacob had just rebuked Joseph for the dreams but still had _____ in him to carry out any assignment given him.
He did not complain about distance _____ or dangers

- The mission was _____.
Harry: "When I am fulfilling my purpose of being like Christ and bringing God joy, and my mate and kids joy, I believe God is pleased for I have discharged the mission He has given me."

3. The dreams showed that Joseph was _____ also by God.
4. The brothers lost the _____ side of life that Jacob tried to teach them.
5. The brothers' wickedness was _____.
6. The brothers' _____ was consuming. (v20)
 - Reuben's _____ was criminal.
 - He was marked with instability by his own behavior and he was a _____.
 - Active wickedness is always stronger than half-hearted _____.
 - Indecision, in the end, is a _____ after all.

What can we learn from all this?

1. No Christian is _____ from adversity.
2. There is nothing worse than a leader who is _____ about the things of God. Jacob's _____ life causes his kids to become indifferent to God.
3. No response is more un-Christlike than _____.
4. No condition is more unfair than _____.