

Joseph Week 8

Pharaoh's Dream

Gen 41:1-13

Gen 41:1 When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, 2 when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. 3 After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. 4 And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. 5 He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. 6 After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted--thin and scorched by the east wind. 7 The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream. 8 In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him 9 Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. 10 Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. 11 Each of us had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. 12 Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream. 13 And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was hanged."

- The _____ of God _____ of others seems to be the biggest problem for Joseph.
- The Example of Godly _____ Is that not part of being a strong Christian-- to see the providence of God and to rely on the strength of God to accomplish the _____ of God?

The Benefits

1. The _____ Reward
 - When hope is dashed and people have forgotten us, _____ will rise again and _____ will chase gloom away.
 - The reward was God's _____.
2. God's goodness was _____ to others.
 - Joseph's _____ gained him this influence.
 - What Satan intended for evil, God used for _____.
 - God has not forgotten us--- just the opposite! He has chosen the hard times to teach and train our _____.
 - All tests are _____.

James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

- The King's _____
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 - They listened intently, then they turned to the god of Egypt named Thot and asked and prayed for him to speak to them.
 - Thot was the god of all _____ arts.
- The Perfect _____ of God
Joseph emerged from the prison cell _____ on God.
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 - The dreams of Pharaoh left him with a sense of supernatural and impending _____.
 - He gave Pharaoh dissatisfaction and _____ with the experts who were supposed to know and did not.

Joseph's Destiny

1. He was a faithful _____.
2. He was a _____ of God.
3. He remained a man of _____ in the midst of adversity.

Heb 10:37 "He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.