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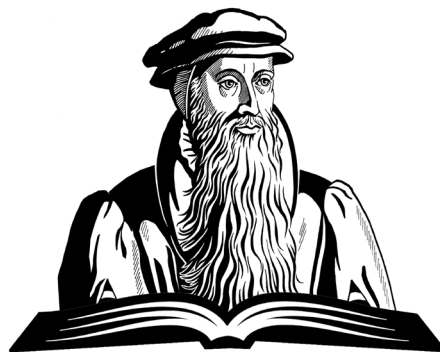
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Joseph Raised out of Prison

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Genesis 40 and 41

Memory Verse

But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house.

Genesis 40:14

Two Dreams

One day, while Joseph was in prison, two other men were sent to prison with him. Who were these men? They were two servants, a butler and a baker. Both had displeased their king, the Pharaoh of Egypt. While in prison, both men dreamed dreams. Their dreams troubled them. Joseph, taking notice of them, asked them what troubled them. After hearing the dreams, Joseph interpreted the dreams. He told the butler that he would be restored to his position. The interpretation of the baker's dream was not so pleasant. In three days, he would be executed.

Joseph Forgotten

When the butler was released from prison, Joseph requested that the butler tell Pharaoh about Joseph. At first, Joseph must have been filled with joyful expectations that he would soon be released from prison. As day after day passed, Joseph's hope must have faded. For two years he remained in that prison. No representative of Pharaoh came during that whole time. It was a terrible thing that the butler forgot Joseph so quickly. Surely there is a lesson here for us. Do we make promises, lifting up people's hopes and expectations, and then forget them?

Although it was sad that Pharaoh's butler forgot Joseph, Joseph's condition was not so bad. The Lord who was with Joseph when he was first cast into prison, was still with Joseph. Even though the butler forgot Joseph, the Lord did not forget. People may forget their promises, but the Lord never forgets. He is faithful to his Word. The psalmist once asked, "Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?" (Psalm 77:9). Were such thoughts an accurate portrayal of God? What was the origin of such discouraging questions? Not reality, but wrong thoughts. What did the psalmist say concerning these thoughts? These thoughts of God are "my infirmity" (Psalm 77:10). May it be an encouragement to know that the Lord is faithful

and that he is not like men—“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19).

After two more years in prison, things changed for Joseph. Pharaoh had a dream. The magicians and wise men of Egypt could not interpret the dream for Pharaoh. But the chief butler remembered his fault, and told Pharaoh about Joseph. On the command of Pharaoh, Joseph was released from prison.

Notice Joseph’s humility as he comes before the presence of Pharaoh. Pharaoh desires Joseph to interpret the dream. Joseph does so, however, he makes it known that the interpretation is not his own, but comes from God—“And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace” (Genesis 41:16).

Joseph endured much, but now his position changes. The man hated by his brothers, sold into slavery, servant of Potiphar, wrongly imprisoned, now becomes ruler of all Egypt, second only unto Pharaoh. As particular events happen in a person’s life, it may be hard for that person to understand why they occur. Like Joseph, we do not know the end from the beginning. However, while we may not know the reason for particular events, this one thing is true, “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

Review Questions

1. What were the occupations of the two men that were placed in the prison because Pharaoh was angry with them?

2. What did each of these men dream while they were in prison, and what were the interpretations?

3. What were the outcomes for each of these two men?

4. Which man forgot to tell Pharaoh about Joseph?

5. Describe the two dreams that Pharaoh had.

Dream 1 _____

Dream 2 _____

Genesis 41

6. Then _____ sent and called _____, and they brought him
_____ out of the dungeon: and he _____ himself, and
_____ his _____, and came unto _____.

7. What was Joseph's interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams?

8. Match the following names with the description.

_____ Manasseh

a. Joseph's son, whose name is meant to call to remembrance that God had caused Joseph to be fruitful in the land of his affliction.

_____ Potipherah

b. A new name given to Joseph by Pharaoh. The name means "revealer of secrets."

_____ Zaphnath-paaneah

c. The priest of On whose daughter Joseph married.

_____ Ephraim

d. "God...hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house" was the reason why this son of Joseph received his name. He was Joseph's firstborn.

_____ Asenath

e. The daughter of the Egyptian high priest, who became Joseph's wife.

9. According to the Bible, how far did the famine extend?

Discussion Questions

1. When the chief butler heard that Pharaoh had a dream, the butler said to Pharaoh, “I do remember my faults this day” (Genesis 41:9). What was the fault of the chief butler? What lesson(s) may we learn from his failure to remember Joseph?

2. Although Egypt is a real place, at times it is seen as an allusion to the world. Reflecting upon the response that Pharaoh received from the magicians/wise men of Egypt and from Joseph, regarding his dream, explain why the “wisdom of this world is foolishness” (1 Corinthians 3:19). Where does true wisdom come from? Consider Psalm 111:10—“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.”

3. In Isaiah 9:6 we read, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” This verse is a reference to Jesus Christ. Focusing on the words “wonderful” and “Counsellor,” explain how Joseph is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? (Genesis 41:38). Looking at the chapter, explain how the Spirit of God was with Joseph. Explain how Joseph is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Spirit of Christ with Joseph _____

- Joseph a type of Jesus Christ _____

5. The story of Egypt has to do with a famine of bread. People were hungry. Which people were hungry? Where did they have to go to have their hunger satisfied? With the hungering in mind, explain how Joseph is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Who was hungry? _____

- Where did they go to have their hunger satisfied? _____

- How is Joseph a type of Jesus Christ? _____
