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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE

JOSEPH: A MAN FAVOURED/BLESSED BY GOD – PART 3

TEXTS: GENESIS 39:20-41, 56

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Joseph was a godly man who lived with the fear of God. The study of his life, character, challenges and trials have been a great inspiration to believers world wide. Today we shall consider the experience of Joseph at the prison and how God elevated him to the position of a Prime Minister in Egypt.

I. JOSEPH IN THE PRISON (*Gen. 39:20-41:37*): Joseph was sent into prison due to false accusation by Potiphar's wife (*Gen. 39:20*)

We saw the following from his life and experiences in the prison!

1. The presence of God was with him (*Gen. 39:21*)
2. Joseph continued to be faithful even in the prison. His trials did not change his godly attributes.
3. The Lord gave him favour. The Lord again blessed him in all his works (*Gen. 39:22-23*)
4. He was promoted and honoured. He was put in charge of all the prisoners (*Gen. 39:22*)
5. He used God's power & gifts on him to interpret dreams accurately in the prison (*Gen. 40:1-22*)
6. He was forgotten and not remembered for two years *Gen. 40:23*
7. He interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh accurately and with a humble heart (Seven years of plenty & seven years of famine) *Gen 41:1-32*
8. He did not just interpret the dreams, he also proffered solutions. He suggested the preparation for famine by storing food during the good harvest years. Joseph was obviously a man favoured and blessed by God. *Gen. 41:33-35*

II. JOSEPH: THE GOVERNOR OF EGYPT *Gen. 41:41-57*

1. The proposal and solutions proffered by Joseph was pleasing to Pharaoh.
2. Joseph had wisdom and he carried the Grace of acceptability and favour.

3. Pharaoh made Joseph the Head of State to implement His proposal and to save a whole nation.
4. It is to be noted that Joseph suffered and struggled for 13 years. At 30, God made him one of the most influential persons in the nation.
5. His wisdom and skillful planning saved the lives for people not only in Egypt but from other nations.

III. REFLECTIONS FROM THE ABOVE EXPERIENCES

1. There is always a time of preparation, waiting and sometimes suffering for those destined to be great.

We should always endure and persevere in such moments.

2. Sufferings and persecutions are part of life's experiences. *2 Tim. 2:12, 2 Tim. 4:5*
3. The gifts of God, (Spiritual gifts and even talents and skills) have their own place in the fulfillment of destinies.

Sharpen your skills, it will give you an edge someday.

4. The Place of Favour and the Presence of God cannot be overemphasized. (*Psalms 5:12*) Always pray for this.
6. Wait and be patient; God makes things beautiful at His own time (*Psalms 27*)
The cup bearer forgot Joseph for complete 2 years. Yet, he was remembered at the appointed time. God will remember you.
7. Wisdom is the principal thing (*Prov. 4:7*) We all need wisdom in planning and in gathering resources and saving for difficult times.

PRAYERS

1. Pray that your story will not end in shame
2. Ask for the Presence of God in your life 24/7
3. Pray for God's favour upon your life, on your children wherever they go.
4. Pray that your destiny helpers will remember you. Pray to God to remember His promises concerning you
5. Ask God for Supernatural Increase: Promotion & Lifting.
6. Ask God to make you an answer to prayers and a solution to the problem of Nations.