

Jesus in Genesis Series

Week 8 outline

11.13.22

Genesis 37-50

Jesus: Our Elder Brother

I. Joseph: Israel's Son

A. Joseph: The Beloved Son (Gen 37)

- Favored by his Father
- Hated by his brothers
- Stripped of his coat
- Sold into slavery

B. Joseph: The Suffering Servant

- Enslaved by his brothers
- Accused by Potiphar's wife- (Gen 39:1-18)
- Imprisoned unjustly in his innocence (Gen 39: 19-23)
- Forgotten by the ones he helped (Gen 40:23)
- But "The Lord was with him, what ever he did God caused to succeed"- (Gen 39:23)

C. Joseph: The Triumphant Savior

- Pharaoh dreams
- Joseph interprets the dreams (7 years of plenty, and 7 years of famine)
- Pharaoh didn't just accept Joseph's plans, but puts him in charge
(Gen 41:48-57)
- Joseph's brothers show up for help (Gen 42:1-9)

JOSEPH IS THE FIRST OF MANY DELIVERERS GOD WOULD SEND HIS PEOPLE
EACH POINTING FORWARD TO THE FINAL DELIVERER NAMED JESUS

II. Joseph and Our Deliverer

A. Jesus on the Road (Luke 24: 25-26)

"26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to come into His glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures.."-NASB version

1. He was rejected before He was accepted
2. He suffered before glory
3. His humiliation lead to exhalation
4. He descended into the pit before being raised to the highest pinnacle

B. Seeing Jesus in Joseph

Joseph was ...

- Hated (Jn 5:18)
- Stripped of his clothes (Mt 27:28)
- Sold out for a few pieces of silver (Mt 26:15)
- Didn't give into temptation (1 Pet 2:22)
- Was exalted and sat upon a throne (Phil 2:9)
- Forgave his brothers (Lk 23:34)
- Provided a new life for the very ones who betrayed him (2 Cor 5:17)

"Joseph's life was a preview of the saving work of God that would ultimately be accomplished in Jesus Christ. And if we want to see how God will accomplish the salvation of his people, we explore Joseph's story not primarily to learn from Joseph's example, but so that we might discover the greater Savior to whom Joseph points"

-Nancie Guthrie

III. God's Sovereignty and Our Own Tattered Coats

A. Seeing God's Hand at Work (Gen 45:1-15)

1. *"because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you"* -vs 5
2. *"But God sent me ahead of you"* -vs 7
3. *"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God"* -vs 8

B. Responding to God's Sovereignty through Suffering (Gen 50:15-21)

"You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive" (Genesis 50:20).

1. Does this perspective of knowing God is at work in our lives shape the circumstances surrounding our own stories?
2. Do we see that God has been in the pit with us- he did not abandon us but in his goodness he is planning on accomplishing something good and redemptive in our lives?
3. How is the reality of God's sovereign hand reshaping our perspective about the difficult places in our lives and moving us to respond to the Gospel?

GOD IS SOVEREIGN
EVEN OVER SUFFERING.
OUR STRUGGLES AND HEARTACHES
ARE MEANT TO POINT US TO JESUS.

"we know that for those who love God all things work together for good" -Rom 8:28.