

Let's Worship God

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Monday - Genesis 40:20-23 - Forgotten!

Pharaoh has become very angry with two of his servants, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker. In the providence of God, Pharaoh has thrown them into the very prison that Joseph is stuck in. God has also caused both these men to have very disturbing dreams. These dreams trouble them so much that Joseph, who because of his trustworthiness has been put in charge of the other prisoners, notices and asks about what is bothering them. God gives to Joseph an explanation about what each of these dreams means: the chief cupbearer in three days will be restored to his position, but the chief baker will be hung in three days. Joseph makes one request of the chief cupbearer - that he will remember Joseph stuck in prison when he gets his job back.

Well, sure enough, after three days, Joseph's God-given prophecies come true. God is able to accomplish all He wants in the time He determines, and the littlest things can be used to further His purposes.

But the chief cupbearer forgets all about Joseph the moment he gets his job back. All of Joseph's care, help, and sympathy for this man seem to be forgotten the moment he leaves prison and returns to an easier life. Too often we forget about those who are struggling, if we are doing ok ourselves. This also reminds us of the unreliability of man. The only one who never disappoints, in whom we can put all our trust, is the Lord Jesus Christ, and we should always be looking to Him for help before we look to man.

Questions

1. Who did Pharaoh throw in prison?
2. What happened to them after three days?
3. What did Joseph ask the cupbearer to do and did he do it?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's complete trustworthiness.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer." Genesis 41:16

Praise: Psalm 13 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Genesis 41:1-8 - A Bad Dream

Joseph has been waiting in prison for two years. It might have been easy for him to wonder if not only the chief cupbearer but also God has forgotten about him. But God is working everything out according to His plan, and His people must have patience. There is a time set for the deliverance of God's people from each of their own particular troubles, and that time will come, even if it seems a long wait, and when it comes it will be seen to be the best time and worth waiting for.

God is going to use Pharaoh's dreams to bring Joseph to a position of power. If we see these dreams of Pharaoh as just ordinary dreams, they might seem very typical of the foolishness and unreality of all dreams now. But there is something different about Pharaoh's dreams - they are a direct revelation of God to Pharaoh, and Pharaoh realises that this isn't just a typical strange dream, but there is a message, and he is greatly troubled.

Pharaoh wants his magicians to tell him what the dreams mean, but they can't even begin to offer an explanation which must have bothered Pharaoh even more. But when human ability and understanding fail, it makes God's power and wisdom all the more spectacular.

Questions

1. How long is Joseph in prison?
2. Describe Pharaoh's dreams?
3. Who sent Pharaoh those dreams?
4. Could the magicians interpret them?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be patient and wait for God's timing.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer." Genesis 41:16

Praise: Psalm 14 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Wednesday - Genesis 41:9-16 - God the Interpreter

After two years it takes Pharaoh's dream and lack of interpretation to jog the memory of the chief cupbearer about Joseph in prison. Confessing that he should never have forgotten about Joseph, he takes this opportunity to offer a solution to Pharaoh's troubles. He tells Pharaoh that there is an obscure young man in one of his prisons who once properly interpreted his dream, and based on that, he recommends him to Pharaoh as an interpreter. God's time is always the best. If the chief cupbearer had remembered Joseph from the very beginning, perhaps Joseph would have just been sent back home. He would not have been brought to the attention of Pharaoh and would probably not have been very blessed or been a very great blessing to his family. But remaining two years in prison and coming out at last as an interpreter of Pharaoh's dreams, a way was made for his rise to power. Those that patiently wait for God shall be paid for their waiting with interest.

Joseph is immediately brought out of prison, made presentable, and brought into Pharaoh who doesn't waste any time with questions about who Joseph is. All he wants to know is, can Joseph interpret his dream? Joseph's reply is one that shows that his two years in prison have not decreased his faith in God. Instead he gives all the credit and honour to God as the only one who can interpret dreams. Gifts and abilities must always be understood to have come from God. Joseph's humility both before Pharaoh and God is an example to us.

Questions

1. Who remembers about Joseph?
2. What does Pharaoh ask Joseph?
3. What is Joseph's answer?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would grow in patience and humility.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer." Genesis 41:16

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Thursday - Genesis 41:17-32 - The Interpretation

Joseph has told Pharaoh that God holds all dreams and their interpretations in His hands. Pharaoh now explains his dreams to Joseph. These are dreams of skinny cows eating fat cows and skinny, dead corn swallowing up good corn. To all hearing these dreams they must have seemed at first like nonsense, but God is even then revealing the meaning to Joseph.

Joseph tells Pharaoh that these dreams are a sign of seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. The two dreams mean the same thing, but it is repeated to show how certain, near, and important these things are.

In this life there can be great and sudden changes as these dreams of Pharaoh remind us. After great plenty can come great scarcity. No matter how strong and sure we think the things of this life are, God can change them. We can't be sure that tomorrow will be like today.

God shows His goodness in sending Egypt seven years of plenty before the famine, so that the people can provide accordingly. God is in control of each of the seasons and He controls the weather, drought, and famine in His perfect wisdom.

The years of plenty would be swallowed up and forgotten in the years of famine. The things we own, our jobs, our health, our families, the people we love the most, all can be taken from us in a moment and what will matter most at that time will be what our standing with God is. When we have to face God with our eternity hanging in the balance, our bank accounts and number of friends will be completely forgotten.

Questions

1. What did Pharaoh's dreams mean?
2. Who was giving the plenty and famine?
3. Why did God repeat His message in the dreams?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God holds all things in His hands.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 16 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Friday - Genesis 41:33-45 - The Man for the Job

Joseph doesn't just interpret this dream of Pharaoh's and leave him to worry about what to do. Using the brain that God has given him, he gives Pharaoh some very good advice. He tells Pharaoh to store up food in the years of plenty, so that they will have supplies in the years of famine. Fair warnings should be followed with good advice. When we tell unbelievers about the danger their souls are in, we should follow that up with the good advice found in the Word of God for their salvation.

So that this job will be sure to get done, Joseph tells Pharaoh to appoint specific workers to this task with someone to oversee them. That way, it will not be put off, but each moment of plenty will be used for the scarce times ahead.

Pharaoh honours Joseph by testifying to the fact that the Spirit of God is in him. Pharaoh also puts Joseph into a very honourable office. Joseph is essentially made the prime minister of the kingdom. All the affairs of the kingdom, especially this one dealing with the coming famine would be controlled by Joseph. Only Pharaoh would be a higher ruler. Joseph is given all the signs, ring and robe, that he is now one of Pharaoh's favourites and all the people of Egypt are to know this as well. Pharaoh gives him a new name that means, 'a revealer of secrets' and marries him honourably. What a change from that morning when Joseph woke up in prison! His innocent and patient suffering have been made up to him abundantly.

Questions

1. What is Joseph's advice to Pharaoh?
2. What is Joseph's new job?
3. What does Joseph's new name mean?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would speak to others about what Jesus has done.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 17 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Saturday - Genesis 41:46-57 - A New Life

Joseph has left prison and been put in charge of the entire kingdom of Egypt. It is a new life for him and quite different from the old one. We read in these verses of the building of Joseph's family in the birth of his two sons. In the names he gives them, he declares that God is the one who has blessed him with these happy circumstances. He is now able to forget the sufferings he has endured. God often gives us good things in abundance that make us forget the difficult things we have endured in the past. Joseph, though he has not forgotten his family, has forgotten the unkind and hateful way his brothers treated him. In this very land where he is separated from his father whom he loves, the Lord has blessed him with children, a good job, and wealth.

The prophecies in Pharaoh's dreams come true, and Joseph's advice proves very necessary as not only the Egyptians but other people come to him for food. It is prudent to realise that days of prosperity may not last forever, and it is good to be preparing for times of struggle. The famine is in many lands other than Egypt, but Joseph has been diligent and faithful in storing up grain while the years of plenty lasted. He is now prudent and careful in giving it out, knowing that his supplies must last for 7 years.

Questions

1. What are the names of Joseph's sons?
2. What do these names mean?
3. Where does Pharaoh tell the people to go for help?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 18 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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