

Lesson Ten: Joseph Imprisoned

Lesson Text

Genesis 39:1 - 41:45

Daily Bible Reading



Monday

Genesis 39:1-20
1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Tuesday

Genesis 39:21 - 40:15

Thursday

Genesis 40:16-23

Friday

Genesis 41:1-36

Saturday

Genesis 41:37-45

Lesson Concept



FAITH

Developing character

Joseph in Potiphar's House (39:1-18)

1. Since the providence of God in the life of Joseph seems to be the dominant theme of the next chapters ("the Lord was with Joseph" v. 2):
 - a. How is God's presence with Joseph shown throughout the chapter?
 - b. Are there any events which seem to be against it?
 - c. What lesson might be drawn from part "b" of this question?
2. How was Joseph tempted? What two reasons kept him from yielding to temptation? What can we learn from him about how to deal with it today?

Joseph in Prison (39:19-23)

3. Using the life of Joseph as the basis for your answer, if you do right, will God see to it that you never have problems? Explain.
4. Is there any way in which problems such as Joseph had can be for a person's good? (cf. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,9; 12:7-10; Hebrews 12:1-12; James 1:2-3).

Joseph, Interpreter of Dreams (40:1-23)

5. Why would the offices of butler and baker for the king need to be filled by trusted persons?
6. What were the dreams of the butler and baker? What might Joseph have said about dreams in view of what had happened so far with reference to his own dreams?
7. What lessons, if any, are to be learned from the fact that the chief butler "forgot Joseph?"

Joseph's Rise to Power (41:1-45)

8. List the steps by which Joseph came to power. How old was he when this happened? How many years had passed since he was taken from his home? (cf. 37:2)

9. Describe Pharaoh's dreams and their interpretations.
10. Describe the office given to Joseph.
11. Since God may take years to fulfill a purpose and those years may be filled with struggles, setbacks, sorrow, and great trials, what qualities does one need to reach the desired end?
12. Even though Joseph had clung to God during times of adversity, his exaltation provided another trial of this faithfulness. How did he handle that test?