

Questions Week 13

Genesis 37; 39:1-20

The Patriarch Era

History, under God’s control, provides reason for hope for those who have entered into a covenantal relationship with Him. The story of Joseph demonstrates both the freedom of man and the providence of God. This story builds hope and enables God’s people to deal with the realities of life: suffering and betrayal.

Memory Verse: Romans 15:4 – “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

Prayer Focus: Thank God for the hope that He has given us through His word.

- 1. How old is Joseph when he has his dreams?**

- 2. What does this tell you about God?**

- 3. Describe Joseph’s two dreams.**

Like his father Jacob, (Genesis 28:12-15; Genesis 31:10-13) Joseph received two dreams from God during his lifetime. Both portrayed Joseph as gaining a position of supremacy in his family. The first dream used an agricultural image. The second was wider in scope than the first, it was astronomical. The pairing of dreams with a shared meaning meant that God would certainly make the events happen. (Example: Genesis 41:32)

- 4. How do his brothers and his father interpret his dreams?**

- 5. Why does Joseph go to search for his brothers?**

6. When the brothers see Joseph approaching what do they plan?

7. What is their real goal for Joseph?

8. Which brother wants to rescue Joseph?

He had not been present when Joseph was sold. As the oldest of the brothers he felt responsible for Joseph's safety. In a show of grief He tore his clothes.

9. Where do the merchants take Joseph?

10. What is Jacob's response to the torn and bloodied tunic?

11. What keeps Joseph grounded during difficult times?

12. Who purchased Joseph and why does he purchase him?

13. Who is with Joseph?

14. What does this tell you about God and Joseph's spiritual condition?

15. How does Potiphar respond to the blessing of God on Joseph's life?

(Genesis 39: 2-4)

16. Why was Potiphar's wife so interested in Joseph?

17. How did Joseph respond to her advances? _____

18. What did Potiphar's wife tell the household servants?

19. When the master heard the story told by his wife how did he respond?

20. What do you do in difficult or tempting situations?

Joseph had to choose to forgive his brothers for their betrayal. He had to choose to forgive his boss for not believing him and to forgive the boss's wife for falsely accusing him. Later he had to choose to forgive a fellow prisoner for forgetting what he had done for him while they shared a prison cell. Who will you choose to forgive?