

Theme: SUNDRY ISSUES IN JOSEPH’S EXALTATION & HONOUR

Memory Verse: *Eccles. 9:10 “ Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”*

Texts: Genesis 28:1-2; Acts 4:17-21

(1) Just as Joseph did not lobby for position, believers likewise should not lobby — subtly or otherwise — for position but when the responsibilities come, we should apply all that we have to the work (Ecclesiastes 9: 10).

(2) Joseph’s management skill and ability was definitely divine. Success in all our undertaking, as long as we remain with the Lord, is assured. God will give wisdom to those that lack.

(3) Pharaoh gave Joseph an Egyptian for a wife. Was Joseph right in taking the Egyptian wife, knowing that his father was specifically taught not to marry from among the strangers. If Joseph’s marrying an Egyptian wife is excusable then, it is not excusable today for a believer to take an unbeliever as a spouse. No believer should disobey God because he is forced or threatened. Rather the believer must obey God at all times (Acts 4:17-2 1).

(4) In the plenteous years, the people made some efforts to keep some store of food for the years of lack. Believers should be particularly discreet in the management of resources that are in their charge and avoid wastage. The waster and the slothful are brethren (Proverbs 18:9).

(5) Believers need to know that grace cannot be stored, it has to be replenished daily. As the famished Egyptians went to Pharaoh and Joseph for fresh supplies, believers must regularly go to the Fountain of life to drink of the water of life. Christ’s salvation is for all that come (Isaiah 55:1, 2). Let all famished souls come and eat and drink freely.

(6) We need to recognise that Joseph’s exaltation was not automatic without regard to his character and conduct.

(7) Joseph was faithful to his father, dutiful and obedient. He feared God. This was his character before he was sold into slavery. Joseph couldn’t have been exalted in the land of Egypt if he departed from the path of honour and godliness. Though Potiphar believed his wife and threw Joseph into prison, God knew of his innocence and honoured him even in prison.

What do you think will be the feeling of Potiphar and his evil wife? They must have been terrified but Joseph did not seek revenge.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Philemon 1	Hebrews 1
MONDAY	Hebrews 2	Hebrews 3
TUESDAY	Hebrews 4	Hebrews 5
WEDNESDAY	Hebrews 6	Hebrews 7
THURSDAY	Hebrews 8	Hebrews 9
FRIDAY	Hebrews 10	Hebrews 11
SATURDAY	Hebrews 12	Hebrews 13