

JOSEPH TO JESUS

INTRODUCTION

Providence is understating that God made everything and everyone, and He is still involved. Not only is He still involved, He also rules over history.

DISCUSSION

If you have some, give an example of God's providence in your life.

EXPLANATION

Have you ever seen what you would consider a miracle?
Have you ever noticed God working in your life in hindsight?

APPLICATION

Read Psalm 47.
What is the best example, in your opinion, of how God rules and reigns?
Why is it important to know that Jesus is CREATOR not CREATION and MAKER not the MADE?
Why do you think God allows Joseph to eventually go through all He does?

MISSION

How can providence relate to our mission?
What ways can God's sovereignty be an encouragement to evangelism?

HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Genesis 37:12-36
How would you define a conqueror?
What are you hoping for right now?



GENESIS

THE FINAL CHAPTERS

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PART 56

GENESIS 37:1-11

2 Peter 3:9
Luke 24:25-27
Psalm 23
John 10:11
John 15:13
Matthew 3:17
John 10:17

Philippians 2:9
John 17:5
John 19:23-24
John 5:18
Luke 4:28
Matthew 26:3-4
Mark 14:55

Luke 22:2
Matthew 27:31
Luke 24:1-3
Genesis 37:1-11
1 Timothy 4:12
Luke 2:19

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

YOUTH PARENT'S MEETING
February 24th, 12:20pm

YOUTH WIDE AWAKE
All Nighter, Friday, March 15th

TRADER JONES & UFO'S GIRL'S NIGHT OUT
February 25th, 6:30p
<http://goo.gl/o9zUq>

CINDERELLA'S CLOSET
March 9th



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2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

The Scriptures have three primary ways to read them and then apply them to our lives.

1. Primary Application: taking the historical narrative at face value.
2. Practical Application: what is God saying to me and how do I apply this to my life?
3. Prophetic Application: how does this event fit into God's ultimate scheme of things regarding Jesus?

HOW DO JESUS AND JOSEPH RELATE TO ONE ANOTHER:

1. The first vision of Joseph is a shepherd → One of our earliest conceptions of Jesus is that of *the Good Shepherd*. Psalm 23.
2. Joseph is seen pasturing or caring for the flock → Jesus cares for His people.
3. Joseph was loved by his father more than all his other sons → Jesus said in *John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.*
4. Joseph was the son of his father's old age → not a stretch because God is eternal.
5. Joseph was given a "richly ornamented robe" → When Jesus was crucified He had the same type of robe.
6. Joseph was hated by his brothers → Jesus hated by His brothers, the Jews.
7. Joseph's brothers were envious → Jesus was crucified because of envy. *Matthew 27:18 For he knew that because of envy they had delivered Him up.*
8. Joseph is hated because of his words → This is true for Jesus even today.
9. The father (Jacob) sent the son to see about the welfare of his other children → John 3:16
10. The father sent the son knowing there would be danger for the son.
11. The son, knowing the danger, was eager and willing to go.
12. Joseph's brothers plotted to kill him → Jewish leaders plotted to kill Jesus. *Luke 22:2 And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put Him to death, for they feared the people.*
13. Joseph's brothers sat by while he was in agony. → The Jewish leaders sat by as Jesus was beaten and crucified.

14. Joseph was stripped of his robe → Jesus was stripped of His robe. *Matthew 27:31 And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.*
15. Joseph was betrayed by a brother named of Judah → Judas is a version of Judah.
16. Joseph's brother returned to the pit & the pit was empty → *Luke 24:1-3 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*
17. Substitutionary blood was presented to the father → Jesus substituted His blood for ours.
18. Joseph's father mourned his death → Like the Father mourned Jesus.
19. Joseph became the savior of the known world → Jesus IS the savior of the world for all time.

As much as Joseph was righteous, as much as he loved God, and as well intentioned as he was...**HE STILL DIED.** His morality didn't save him from death... which all the more points to HIS and OUR need for a savior.

Joseph is amazing, but the one doctrine that summarizes his life is: **PROVIDENCE.** Joseph never saw the 19 (plus) parallels between he and Jesus in his life, because providence is hard to understand until you see it in someone's life.

This is why we read the scriptures, but we also live in community with other believers, so we can SEE God's work in their lives.

Providence:

- God's seen hand (Miracles)
- Invisible hand of God (Where God is good and active, but we don't see it as plainly as a miracle).

Providence can be seen in pain, hardship, joy, and love.

Providence is understating that God made everything and everyone, and He is still involved. Not only is He still involved, he also rules over history. Even when we sin God ultimately works things out to His will, because His will is always realized.

That's providence.