

July 24, 2016, Genesis 41

“Honor God, our Lord”

- ❖ Godly blessing means you know God is with you to recognize his sovereignty upon you and over the world. God will honor who honor Him. (1 Sam. 2:30)
- ❖ Three-pair-of-dream structure in Joseph’s story: the beginning dreams reveal the ending; the middle pair of dreams work as a transition; and after the last pair of dreams, Joseph were exalted as the most powerful person under Pharaoh.

Four ways to Honor God:

1. Honor God as the only source of his ability: “Without God, I’m nothing. He is the source of any ability I have to interpret dreams.”
2. Honor God by recognizing his sovereignty: Joseph’s knowledge that this famine was coming led him to make preparations to alleviate its effects. But in the process, he bore witness to a sovereign God who is in control of the universe.
3. Honor God to maintain Godly character in his career: Joseph was diligent to develop and maintain godly character and to let God take care of promoting him.
4. Honor God in his family life: a groaning and joyful Joseph behind the Holy word.

Striking Parallels between Jesus and Joseph:

- ❖ Christ was buried in a tomb, exalted from there to the right hand of God, a prophet of heaven and hell, in whom all treasures of knowledge and wisdom are hidden; started his ministry at 30 and has a church of gentile, a bride.
- ❖ Joseph was thrown in jail, exalted as the savior of the world from famine, a prophet of abundance and famine, a wonderful counsellor to Pharaoh, started his ministry at 30, and got a gentile wife.