

Intro:

Main Point of Text: After his difficult training is complete, God uses Jacob to glorious ends.

Sermon Point: *God will reward you.*

Move 1: God remembers you and will raise you up from the pit.

Vs. 1: 2 years passed in prison. Vs. 9: Butler finally remembers (40:23). Vss. 14-16. Butler's timing of memory is not accidental.

Move 2: You are being prepared for greater things.

Joseph is prepared for *this* day. Given dreams and providential encounters to interpret dreams so he is ready for vss. 25-32. Was entrusted with levels of service/authority with Dad, Potiphar, Prison Guard so he's now ready for vss. 33-34. *He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much ...* (Luke 16:10)

Move 3: God will glorify Himself in you.

Vss. 16, 25b, 28b, 32, 38-39. God's good plan for you is to glorify Him. READ John 12:27-32; 17:1-5.

Move 4: You will not go away empty handed.

Explain: Vss. 38, 40-43. READ Psalm 105:17-22. Type of Christ's reward for His death/suffering:

- *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession* (Psalm 2:7-8).
- *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.* (Ps. 110:1)
- *All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.* (Psalm 22:27-28)
- *The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour ...* (Act 5:30-31)
- *If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:* (2 Timothy 2:12)

Conclusion:

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