

Sunday, January 7, 2018
The Loved Son, Sold into Unjust Suffering
Genesis 37

- I. The Man of God's Providence, Joseph

- II. The Scope of God's Providence
 - A. God's Providence over All the Details of Life

 - B. God's Providence over All the Sins of Men

- III. The Purpose of God's Providence
 - A. God Is Unfolding His Plan

 - B. God Has Not Forgotten

 - C. God Is Sustaining His People

 - D. God Is Portraying Christ to Come
 - 1. As Joseph, the Loved Son, Sold into Unjust Suffering

 - 2. So Our Greater Joseph, Jesus Christ, the Loved Son, Also Delivered into Unjust Suffering

QUOTES

“If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things.”
—Elisabeth Elliot

“It is a great support and solace to the saints in all their distresses, that there is a wise Spirit setting all the wheels of providence in motion. He governs the most irregular creatures and their most destructive designs to a blessed and happy outcome. It would not be worth living in a world devoid of God and providence. God will not expose any that take shelter under his wings and who fly to him for sanctuary. All the issues of providence are beneficial to the saints. How cheering, supporting, and encouraging is the consideration of these things! What life and hope it inspires in our hearts and prayers when great pressures lie upon us! In heaven, how delightful a sight it will be to behold the whole design of providence that we could not understand in this world! All the dark, intricate, and puzzling providences at which we sometimes stumbled, and which we could not reconcile with the promises, and which we so unjustly condemned and bitterly bewailed as if they had fallen out against our happiness; we shall then be able to understand them. Our present views of providence are imperfect in comparison to heaven. Yet our earthly view, under all its present disadvantages, has so much sweetness in it that I may call it a little heaven. It is certainly a highway of walking with God in this world. A soul may enjoy sweet communion with him in his providences.”
—John Flavel, a 17th century English Presbyterian minister

“Over every detail in this world, Christ reigns. His ‘sovereignty is but another name for the unlimited exercise of wisdom and goodness.’ Nothing hinders his wisdom and goodness. Every drop of rain hits its appointed target, and every dust particle is carried by the wind to its appointed resting place. If we would but grasp this in the depth of our being, our souls would be liberated to depend fully on God’s governance over our lives, and to learn to count trials ‘all joy’
---Tony Reinke, quoting *Newton on the Christian Life*

“If God is small enough to be understood, he wouldn’t be big enough to be worshiped.”
—Evelyn Underhill