

Sermon Notes



Title: *God at Work in the Selling of Joseph Into Slavery*

Text: Genesis 37:1-36

Theme: The selling of Joseph into slavery in Egypt was God's way to further His covenant promise to redeem His people. God was at work to accomplish His will even when everything seemed to be going in the wrong direction. God's providence often seems the same for us, but His good will is accomplished for all who put their trust in Him.

- I. Joseph's _____ **Anger His Brothers (1-11)**

- II. Joseph's Brothers Plot to _____ **Him (12-24)**

- III. Joseph Is _____ **Instead to _____
Bound for Egypt (25-30)**

- IV. The _____ **of What Happened to Joseph (31-36)**

V. Applications

- A. The _____ of this account about Joseph is not to extract principles of _____.

- B. Jacob's sons are the ones through whom God will _____ His promise to _____ the head of the _____.

- C. The story of Joseph trains you to _____ on and to _____ the _____ of God.

- D. God's providence means He is _____ and at _____ in every _____ and during every _____ of your life.

To read for next week: Genesis 38:1-30

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. How old was Joseph at the time of the events reported in chapter 37 (v. 2)?
2. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him (vv. 2-8)?
3. What dream did Joseph share with his father (v. 9)?
4. Why did Jacob send Joseph on a journey (vv. 12-14)?
5. When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, what did they plan to do (v. 20)?
6. What did Reuben, the oldest brother, suggest to the other brothers? Why did he propose this course of action? Did the others agree (vv. 21-24)?
7. What did the brothers immediately do after the above course of action (v. 25a)?
8. What brother suggested another plan to get rid of Joseph? What was his plan (vv. 26-27)?
9. Who were the people to whom Joseph was sold (vv. 25, 28)?
10. What was the destination of these people (v. 28c)?
11. Who was upset that Joseph had been sold? Why? (vv. 29-30)?
12. What did the brothers do to explain what happened to Joseph to their father (vv. 31-33)?
13. How did Jacob react to the news about Joseph (vv. 34-35)?
14. Who bought Joseph from the merchant traders (v. 36)?
15. At this point in the progress of God's plan of redemption, what events might seem to imperil it from happening?
16. Even though the main reason for this story is not to teach certain standards of behavior, is it illegitimate to extract such morals? Why or why not? (for interesting articles on this subject, see www.michaeljkruger.com/are-we-allowed-to-use-ot-figures-as-moral-examples/ and www.michaeljkruger.com/veggie-tales-moralism-and-modern-preaching-2/).