



TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

Genesis 40-41 II Joseph's Rise II Walt Alexander

MAIN POINT: The good purposes of God's providence cannot be stopped, but you must not just watch and wait.

1. Joseph is in the pit but is patient. (v.40:1-23)

"When God brings down [a man's] circumstances, he does not so much labour to raise up his circumstances again as to bring his heart down to his circumstances." **Jeremiah Burroughs**

"There are some graces that grow best in winter." **Samuel Rutherford**

2. Joseph is on the rise but is humble. (v. 41:1-36)

"Modesty has moved from the organ of ambition. Modesty has settled upon the organ of conviction where it was never meant to be. A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about the truth: this has been exactly reversed." **G.K. Chesterton**

Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. Daniel 2:27-28

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? Numbers 23:19

3. Joseph is set on high but is serving. (v. 41:37-57)