



Genesis 50 II The End of Genesis II Walt Alexander

MAIN POINT: You are a creature who — despite suffering, evil, sin, & death — is held completely secure in the grip of God’s sovereign grace.

1. God’s sovereign grace in the suffering of Joseph.

“The profundity of this reasoning comes into focus as we reflect on what Joseph does not say. He does not say that during a momentary lapse on God’s part, Joseph’s brothers sold him into slavery, but that God, being a superb chess player, turned the game around and in due course made Joseph prime minister of Egypt. Still less does he say that God’s intention had been to send Joseph down to Egypt in a well-appointed chariot, but unfortunately Joseph’s brothers rather mucked up the divine plan, forcing God to respond with clever countermoves to bring about his own good purposes.” **D.A. Carson**

“Rather, *in the one event*—the selling of Joseph into slavery—there were two parties, and two quite different intentions. On the one hand, Joseph’s brothers acted, and their intentions were evil; on the other, God acted, and his intentions were good.” **D.A. Carson**

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **Psalm 27:14**

2. God’s sovereign grace in the suffering of the people of Israel.

Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. **Genesis 45:5-8**

The Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.” **Genesis 15:13-14**

Every star on every whirling planet
And every constellation in the sky
Revolves around the center of the universe
That lovely thing called, I.

There’s no way to stop it
There’s no way to stop it
If the earth wants to roll around the sun
You’re a fool if you worry
You’re a fool if you worry
Over anything but little number one.

3. God’s sovereign grace in the suffering of Jesus.

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **Acts 2:22-23**

Truly in this city [Jerusalem] there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. **Acts 4:27-28**

