

THE EXALTED SON CARES FOR HIS FAMILY

INTRO: We have been following the history of Joseph as an instrument in the hand of God to preserve his covenant people.

- Joseph through the way of humiliation and exaltation is in a position providentially to feed, protect, and save them in Egypt.
- But all of this is part of God's purpose to construct for the benefit of his church a grand type of salvation.
- Oh, the power and wisdom of God: He is able to save his people to the uttermost, save them unto his everlasting glory!

I. THE EXALTED SON MEETS HIS FAMILY.

A. Joseph is the exalted son.

1. Joseph will care for his family, sending for them to come to Egypt during the famine.
2. Providentially through the way of humiliation and exaltation he is in the position to do so.
3. Joseph is ruler in Egypt wisely governing all the affairs that there is much laid up in store.
4. For Joseph's sake, Pharaoh is kindly inclined to the covenant people.

B. How is Joseph this savior?

1. The era of the Patriarchs is coming to a close with Jacob.
2. Joseph is not a leader of the covenant people. Jacob is.
3. Joseph is not the first born: Reuben is.
4. Judah has become the spokesman for them. He will be the one from whom the scepter will arise.
5. But God providentially puts Joseph in this position.

C. Joseph meets his family.

1. Abraham sinfully goes to Egypt, but Jacob comes providentially, directly encouraged by God (Gen. 46:2-4).
2. Do you see Jacob riding to Goshen in a wagon, while Joseph rides in a chariot to meet his father?
3. Here is the fulfillment of the dream: the sun bows down to Joseph (Gen. 37:9,11).
4. Thus begins the fulfillment of the prophecy to Abraham in Gen. 15:13-16.

D. Survival depends upon this exalted son.

1. Joseph takes five of his brothers and his father to meet Pharaoh.
2. The exalted son is not ashamed to call them brothers. He claims these despised people as his own.
3. Joseph secures for them a place in Egypt from Pharaoh.

II. THE EXALTED SON CAUSES HIS FAMILY TO DWELL IN SAFETY ALONE.

A. A necessary move.

1. The move to Egypt is Joseph's idea and suggestion. God promises a safe journey, protection, and return.
2. The situation in Canaan was critical. Jacob's family was strangers there, owning no land.
3. There is not only the famine, but the greater threat of the affiliation of the covenant family with the Canaanites.
4. Jacob's family in Egypt will grow into a mighty nation of some three million people
5. This sojourn in Egypt is necessary serving the coming of Christ and salvation we have through his cross.

B. Dwelling safely in Goshen.

1. The necessity of Goshen: Why? Pharaoh undoubtedly in his love for Joseph would have provided royal houses.
2. God through Joseph chose this part of Egypt for his family.
3. The Egyptians would want the Israelites to dwell there, for shepherds were an abomination to the Egyptians (46:34).
4. This place was predetermined by Joseph (45:9,10) and now carefully orchestrated by him.
5. Joseph carefully instructs his brothers to tell Pharaoh what their occupation is, and then sends them in.
6. Pharaoh gives to Jacob's family the best of the land to sojourn in the land of Goshen: **a rich provision**.

C. The spiritual reason: care for the cause of the whole covenant people

1. God chose, and this is Joseph's choice in love of God and love of God's people. **It was a separate provision**.
2. God's people are to dwell alone: It is to be a separation from the heathen.
3. God's Word: Nu. 23:9, Deut. 33:28, II Cor. 6:14-18, Ex. 23: 32,33
4. The necessary antithesis. No mixed marriages, not be tempted with Egypt's idols, idolatrous practices, or culture.
5. There are the two seeds living in enmity: the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent.
6. Joseph provides a place where Egyptians would not enter and the Israelites would be safe in temptations of Egypt.

III. GOD'S EXALTED SON CAUSES HIS CHURCH TO DWELL IN SAFETY.

A. God's choice for us and Christ's demand for us is **spiritual separation** in the world.

1. As Canaan was not yet ready for Israel for the iniquity of the Amorites was not full, so also with the wicked world today.
2. God calls us to be in the world, but not of the world.
3. Sadly, much of the church family does not desire Goshen: this separation, but despises God's gift of enmity.
4. Many want to be like the world and cater to the lusts of the flesh.
5. One cannot be friends of God and be friends of the world. Ours must be an antithetical living.

B. A **blessed place to dwell**.

1. The church is still in the world to increase and grow into a mighty nation that no man can count.
2. Christ causes us to be the woman who flees into the wilderness (Rev. 12:6,14).
3. As Israel received riches from the heathen, so also we do and will inherit the earth. Reprobation serves election.

C. This blessed place we possess is **in and through our Joseph**.

1. It is Christ who is in heaven who in his love and grace provides us our place in this Egypt.
2. It is Christ who causes us to be a peculiar people and to grow into a mighty nation.
3. It is Christ, God's exalted Son who nourishes us with his Word and Spirit, according to our families.
4. It is in Christ that the type of bondage in Egypt reveals that God is able to save, preserve, and deliver his people!