The Prisoners' Dreams
Genesis 40:1-23

Main Point:
Though you will sometimes have to wait on the Lord, you can always trust in Him.

1. There will be difficult times of waiting in your life.

2. Sometimes it will seem as if your waiting is coming to an end.

3. But, at the same time, your waiting may be unexpectedly prolonged.

4. No matter how long you have to wait, you can always trust in the Lord.

Cross-References and Quotations

J.G. Vos "As chief butler and chief baker … they held very responsible positions. Having control over the king's food and drink, his health and even his life depended on their integrity and watchfulness."

J.G. Vos "No doubt Joseph hoped to be released from prison soon. Very likely he thought that the chief butler would be so happy about being released from prison and restored to his position that he would be only too glad to intercede with Pharaoh for Joseph."

R. Kent Hughes "How heartening for Joseph! For eleven years he had believed that his dreams would come true … And now he has solid objective evidence of his power, through God, to interpret dreams … So now he was doubly sure that his own two dreams would be fulfilled."

Genesis 41:9 [9] Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day. (NKJV)

Allen Ross "Others may have forgotten him, but God would not."

James 1:2-4 [2] My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, [3] knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. [4] But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (NKJV)

John Calvin "Therefore, we are all taught, in his person, that nothing is more improper than to prescribe the time in which God shall help us; since He purposely, for a long season, keeps His own people in anxious suspense, that, by this very experiment, they may truly know what it is to trust in Him."

Isaiah 14:24 [24] The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, *so* it shall stand: (NKJV)