

SERMON OUTLINE Genesis 47:13-27

All Egypt for Pharaoh, All Glory to God

THE STORY

GOD IS INFINITELY GLORIOUS

1. *There is a God*
2. *God is glorious*
3. *God is infinitely glorious*

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE BLESSED TO BLESS

1. *We are to receive God's blessing and then bless God with it*
2. *We are to receive God's blessing and then bless others with it*

FAITHFULNESS DOES NOT MEAN COMFORT, EASE, OR PROSPERITY IN THIS LIFE

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

In this passage we find another display of the good and uninteruptible plan of God to bless His people. And in that, we find that Joseph secured all Egypt for Pharaoh and therein demonstrated that all glory belongs to God. Under those banners there are three main takeaways: 1. God is infinitely glorious, 2. God's people are always blessed by God in order to be a blessing, and 3. Faithfulness to God does not mean comfort or ease in this life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Is it easier or harder for you to appreciate the glory of God in passages like this (where God isn't mentioned at all)?
3. What do you make of Joseph's handling of the Egyptians? Does it seem like good business practice? Exploitation? Godliness? What do you think of the Egyptians' response? How would you respond the same? Differently?
4. Why do you think Pharaoh made special arrangements with the priests? Does that tell us anything about God's image?
5. How would you describe the glory of God to someone who has never heard of it? What passage in the Bible best captures the glory of God from your perspective? What practical implications are there in the fact that God is infinitely glorious.
6. Can you remember a time in which someone turned their God-given blessings into a blessing for you?
7. In what ways has God blessed you with comfort and ease? In what ways has He blessed you with difficulty and trial?
8. In what way do you most clearly see the greatness of God in this passage?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

9. Make a list of the ways God has worked in your life, in order that you might find encouragement when He is more silent.
10. Find a specific way to honor your boss this week.
11. Find some way to depict or display the glory of God; perhaps you might use one of the four passages Pastor Dave mentioned.
12. Tell someone about the God of all glory this week.
13. Create something for the purpose of blessing someone else with it,
14. Find a way to alleviate someone else's suffering this week in the name of Jesus.
15. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

16. Adoration. Name as many aspects of God's glory as you can and spend time praising Him for each one. Praise God for the fact that even when He is "silent," He is near and glorious and working for good. Praise God for His rule over all nations.
17. Confession. Confess any ways that you have doubted God's presence and glory. Confess any ways in which you have kept your blessings to yourself instead of using them to bless. Confess any ways in which you have been indifferent to the needs of others. Confess any ways in which you have pursued comfort over Christ.
18. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the forgiveness that is yours in Jesus. Thank God for the strength that is yours through the Spirit. Thank God for blessing you continually with far more abundantly than you could ask for or imagine.
19. Supplication. Ask God to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, comfort the broken, but above all to save the lost. Ask God to open the eyes of someone in your life to His glory. Ask God to keep your leaders faithful. Ask God to make our church a place of gospel warmth and health.