

The Journals of Joseph: Trials before Triumph
4 weeks on Joseph

God's Presence in the Prisons of Life

Genesis 39:19 - 41:1

- 1) Prison Burdens – Gen 39:20-23
 - a) **Pain** – Gen 40:3; Psalm 105:18
 - b) **Perplexity** – Gen 40:15
 - c) **Protraction** – Gen 41:46
- 2) Prison Bounty
 - a) God's **presence** – Gen. 39:21
 - b) God's **peace** - Isa.40:29-31; Isa. 41:13; Deut. 33:25-27
 - c) God's **promotion** – Gen. 39:21-41:14
- 3) Prison Blessings
 - a) The privilege of God's **plan** - Gen. 37:5-11
 - b) The privilege of God's **praise** - Gen 40:8; 41:16, 25.
 - c) The privilege of God's **providence** - Gen. 45:5; Gen. 50:20; Psa. 105:17.
 - d) The privilege of God's **promises**
 - i) Two great "*Prison Promises*".
 - (1) **Romans 8:28**, And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.
 - (2) **Psalm 138:8**, The LORD will perfect *that which* concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.
- 4) Prison Behavior 40:1-41:1
 - a) Be helpful when you can - verse 1-5
 - b) Be happy and encouraging-Verse 6-7
 - c) Be hopeful even when you are forgotten. Verses 8-23. (Heb. 13:5)

Final comfort for people in the waiting rooms of God:

Heb 4:16: Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

God is seldom **early** and he is never **late**.