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“innocence, cleanness, purity” (Gen 20:5; Ps 26:6)

#### Psalm 26

- 1 Vindicate me, O LORD , for I have led a blameless life;  
I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- 2 Test me, O LORD , and try me, examine my heart and my mind;
- 3 for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth.
- 4 I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites;
- 5 I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.
- 6 I wash my hands in **innocence**, and go about your altar, O LORD ,
- 7 proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells.
- 9 Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with bloodthirsty men,
- 10 in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes.
- 11 But I lead a blameless life; redeem me and be merciful to me.
- 12 My feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly I will praise the LORD.

#### 2 Corinthians 6:4-10

Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; <sup>5</sup>in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; <sup>6</sup>in **purity**, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; <sup>7</sup>in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; <sup>8</sup>through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; <sup>9</sup>known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

#### 1 Tim 4:12-5:2

<sup>12</sup>Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. <sup>13</sup>Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. <sup>15</sup>Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. <sup>16</sup>Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. <sup>1</sup>Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup>older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

## JOSEPH Genesis 37:1-50:26

### INTRODUCTION

More space in Genesis is devoted to him than any other patriarch. At the very beginning of Joseph's life, there is an acknowledgment of the sovereign grace of God which anticipates God's providence for his people; God is the hero. Joseph's life bears clear testimony to a close walk with God. There is not a single word of reproof against him. Joseph is worthy of careful study because of (1) his nobility of character, his purity of heart and life; and (2) his example as ruler and brother. This makes him, more than any other Old Testament character, an illustration of that type of person who Christ was to be. His life testifies that God is in control. (Compare Gen 45:4-5; 50:20; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)

### I. JOSEPH AS A SON IN CANAAN

#### A. HATED BY HIS BROTHERS...

1. Telling on his brothers didn't help - Gen 37:2
2. Favoritism by his father certainly hurt - Gen 37:3-4
3. His dreams made it worse - Gen 37:5-11
4. They eventually sold him as a slave - Gen 37:12-36
  - a. Spared initially by Reuben who intended to free him - Gen 37:21-22
  - b. Spared death by Judah, who suggested slavery instead - Gen 37:26-27

#### B. FAITHFUL TO HIS FATHER...

1. Some children rebel against their parents to win approval from their siblings
2. Joseph remained faithful to his father, willing to obey his wishes - Gen 37:13

### II. JOSEPH AS A SLAVE IN EGYPT

#### A. OVERSEER IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE...

1. Blessed by God, Joseph found favor in Potiphar's eyes - Gen 39:1-6
  - a. Though a young man, he proved industrious and trustworthy
  - b. He made the best of the situation, and God blessed him and Potiphar
2. Handsome in appearance, Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife - Gen 39:6b-20
  - a. She tried time and again to seduce him
  - b. He resisted, out of faithfulness to Potiphar and God - Gen 39:8-9
  - c. Her advances spurned, she spitefully accuses him wrongfully
    - 1) Angering her husband
    - 2) Resulting in his imprisonment

#### B. OVERSEER IN PHARAOH'S PRISON...

1. Blessed by God, Joseph is favored by the keeper of the prison - Gen 39:21-23
  - a. Placed in charge of the other prisoners, with complete trust
  - b. Prospered in his new role by God, who was with him

2. Interpreter of dreams, Joseph is forgotten then remembered - Gen 40:1-41:36
  - a. He interprets the dreams of a butler & baker
    - 1) Acknowledging God as the interpreter - Gen 40:8
    - 2) The dreams are fulfilled, yet Joseph was forgotten - Gen 40:20-23
  - b. He interprets the dreams of Pharaoh
    - 1) Again acknowledging God as providing the answer - Gen 41:16,25,32
    - 2) Offering advice in regards to the dreams' fulfillment - Gen 41:33-36

### III. JOSEPH AS A PRINCE IN EGYPT

#### A. WISE IN HIS SERVICE TO PHARAOH...

1. At the age of thirty, Joseph is exalted to rule over Egypt - Gen 41:38-46
2. His wisdom manifested in his administration
  - a. Showing foresight during the years of plenty - Gen 41:47-49
  - b. Showing shrewdness during the years of famine - Gen 41:53-57; 47:13-26
3. Mindful of God's blessings - cf. Gen 41:50-52

#### B. MERCIFUL IN HIS TREATMENT OF BROTHERS

1. Finally reunited with his brothers and father - Gen 42:1-45:15
2. Arranged for them to live in Goshen - Gen 46:16-20,28-34; 47:1-12
3. Reassured his brothers that he has forgiven them
  - a. When he first revealed himself to them - Gen 45:4-8
  - b. When their father Jacob died - Gen 50:15-21

#### C. BELIEVING IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD...

1. That God could make good things come out of evil intentions - Gen 50:20
2. That God would keep His promises made to His people - Gen 50:24-25

### CONCLUSION

In the life and story of Joseph, we see the value of a character...

- a. Centered in faith and trust in God
- b. Devoted to serving God and man with honor and dependability
- c. Unwilling to be deterred by the hatred, betrayal, and forgetfulness of others
- d. Willing to forgive the wrongs committed by others
- e. Able to see the big picture, God's wonderful workings in the affairs of men

On his deathbed he anchors his faith to the oath-bound covenantal promises made by God to his forefathers (Genesis 50:24ff; Hebrews 11:22). God orchestrates all aspects of life to create a symphony of praise to Him.