

Joseph: A Story of Divine Providence

Part 1 - Coming to Grips with God's Providence

Text: Genesis 37

Main Idea: Understanding God's providence will help us maneuver this life with peace & strengthen!

1. Providence means that God sovereignly preserves & _____ all the events of the lives of his creatures according to His grace & wisdom to accomplish His purposes. (Romans 8:28)
2. Providence should cause us to _____ differently about ourselves & others.
 - *To ourselves:* We should _____ rejoice in God's blessings, but also be _____ with God's plan (which may be disappointing). (2 Cor 4:7, John 3:27)
 - *To others:* We must _____ our hearts so as not to be grieved, jealous & angered when God blesses others.
3. Providence means that God is in control of the _____ of our lives as much as He is in the _____.

Striking parallels between Joseph & Jesus: _____!

- Both were _____ by their Father & _____ by their unbelieving brethren.
- Both had a _____ from the Father.
- Both were _____ by their brethren. (Matt 27:18)
- Both became humiliated _____ who wept for their brethren.
- Both were _____ to the right hand of majesty.
- Both became the means of _____ of their own brethren.