

STUDY THIRTY FIVE

GOD HAS SPOKEN

Genesis 40

Introduction

Joseph is in jail in a foreign land. God has a plan for his life and being in jail was a part of that plan. God also has a plan of salvation and Joseph is an important part of that plan too. While in jail Joseph meets two of the Egyptian king's officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker. Both these men had extraordinary dreams while they were in jail. These were not ordinary dreams but dreams that God had especially given to them as part of his plan.

Questions for Discussion

1.a) How did Joseph use his time in jail?

b) How should we act when we are in a difficult situation?

2.a) What were the dreams that the cupbearer and the baker had?

b) How did these dreams help Joseph?

c) Does God often speak to people in dreams or visions in the Bible? (See Gen. 28:12 & 37:5-9, Dan. 4 & 7, Mt. 1:20, 2:13 & 19 & Rev. 1:1)

d) What makes each of these times special in God's plan?

3. Joseph was confident that he could interpret the dreams.

a) In whom did he trust for revelation (v.8)?

b) How does this help us to interpret the Bible?

4.a) What did the chief cupbearer do after his release (v.23)?

b) What lesson can we learn about trusting men from this story?

c) Is it sinful to forget?

d) What should we always remember? (See Ps. 77:11-12, Ecc. 12:1 & 1Cor. 11:24)

For Further Thought And Action

Spend time remembering and thanking God for all he has done in your life.

Memory Verses

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 1:1-2