

# Joseph in Egypt

## Genesis 39-41

Joseph is a significant Biblical character

- ▶ Joseph – 11<sup>th</sup> son of Israel
- ▶ Type of Christ
- ▶ Model believer

Joseph and the revelation of salvation

- ▶ Anecdotes in Genesis 1-11
- ▶ Abraham – waiting for the promised son.
- ▶ Isaac – the electing purpose of God
- ▶ Jacob – the will of God and the devices of Jacob
- ▶ Joseph – a faithful servant

Text: Genesis 39-41

- ▶ At Potipher's house
- ▶ In prison
- ▶ Interpreter of Pharaoh's dream
- ▶ In Pharaoh's house

# The Ways of God – Sovereign Ruler

## The Sovereign Ruler in Genesis

- ▶ Creator by His Word
- ▶ Judge of the earth
- ▶ Ruler of personal events
  - The birth of Isaac
  - The dominance of Jacob over Esau
  - The return of Jacob
- ▶ The plan for the great nation (Gen. 15:13)

## The Sovereign Ruler in Joseph's life

- ▶ The dreams of Joseph
- ▶ The sale of Joseph to Potiphar
- ▶ Success in the house of Potiphar
- ▶ Favor in prison
- ▶ The prison dreams
- ▶ Pharaoh's dreams
- ▶ Pharaoh and Joseph
- ▶ Prosperity and famine

# The Ways of God – Mystery and Clarity

## The incomprehensible ways of God

- ▶ The favor of God brings disfavor with man
- ▶ Joseph's righteous conduct and injustice
- ▶ The "tardiness" of God.
- ▶ The outcome – certain but "curious"

## The comprehensible ways of God

- ▶ Two objectives
  - Discipline for the believer
  - Fulfilling the Promise
- ▶ Discipline for the believer
  - No punishment for the believer
  - Discipline is uncomfortable
  - Discipline for God's love and pleasure
- ▶ Fulfilling the promise
  - A golden end
  - Sanctification

# The Stewardship of Joseph

A model for all generations of believers

- ▶ Holy in an unholy world
- ▶ Faithful to God

A good steward

- ▶ Faithfulness
- ▶ A faithful son
- ▶ A faithful servant and overseer
- ▶ A faithful prisoner
- ▶ A faithful ruler

A pure steward

- ▶ A sense of sin
- ▶ A proper sense of sin

A contented steward

- ▶ Submission

A humble steward

- ▶ Knowing God

A hopeful steward

- ▶ The hope of the dreams
- ▶ Joseph lived by faith

# CONCLUSION

## Joseph in Egypt

- ▶ An inappropriate place
- ▶ The goodness of God

## The believer in the world

- ▶ A “curious” and often painful place
- ▶ The goodness of God

## The lesson of Joseph – be faithful

- ▶ Strangers and pilgrims
- ▶ Worthy of the Gospel of Christ . . .