

## Genesis 40

### "Remembered in Love by the Sovereign Lord "

***Why did the cupbearer forget Joseph?** Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. In these twenty-three verses, we learn that the Lord always, always remembers us to do everything according to His perfect plan of redemption, which was conceived in everlasting love. The cupbearer didn't remember Joseph precisely because the Lord was remembering him, and would lift up his head at the right time.*

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Genesis chapter 40, these are God's words it came to pass after these things that the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt defended their Lord the King of Egypt and Pharaoh was angry with his two officers the chief butler and the chief Baker so he put them in custody in the house at the captain of the guard and the prison the place where Joseph was confined.

And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them and he served them so they were in custody for a while. Then the Butler and the baker of the king of Egypt who were confined in the prison had a dream both of them. Each man's dream and one night, each man's dream with its own interpretation.

And Joseph came into them in the morning and he looked at them and saw that they were sad. So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his Lord's house saying, why do you look sad today? And they said to him we each have had a dream and there is no interpreter of it.

Then the chief Butler told his dream to Joseph and said to him beholden my dream a vine was before me and in the vine were three branches it was as though it budded. It's blossomed shot forth, it's clusters brought forth ripe grapes. Then Pharaoh's cup was in my hand and I took the grapes and pressed them into ferrous cup and placed the cup in pharaoh's hand.

Joseph said to him, this is the interpretation of it. The three branches are three days now within three days. Joseph will lift up your head and restore you to your place and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner when you were his butler.

But remember me when it is well with you and please show kindness to me make mention of me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house for indeed. I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews and also I've done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon.

When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good he said to Joseph I will also was in my dream and there were three white baskets on my head in the uppermost basket were all kinds of big goods for Pharaoh and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head.

So Joseph answered and said, this is the interpretation of it. The three baskets are three days within three days. Pharaoh will lift off your head from you. And hang you on a tree. In the birds will eat your flesh from you. Now it came to pass on a third day, which was pharaoh's birthday and he made a feast for all his servants and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again need placed the cop in Pharaoh's hand. Buddy hanged to the chief baker. As Joseph had interpreted to them. Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph. But forgot him. So far the, Words of God. Here we have Joseph's confidence that God cannot forget him any more than God can forget himself.

He says in verse 8 interpretations belong to God. And so they understood apparently God had done this in the past and certainly Joseph's family understood this that sometimes your dreams are more than just the overactive workings of your mind, but God had at times. Told what he was going to do in dreams and said interpretation was very important and the reason interpretation belongs to God is because the future belongs to God God is the one who has ordained whatsoever comes to pass as our catechism puts it or as effusions one verse 11 puts it God is the one who works all things according to the Council of his will that's why interpretations belong to God because God who is working all things according to the Council of his will is the one who had given the dreams and they understood that there was something different.

About these dreams and. Joseph therefore has confidence that prophetic dreams such as these which God does not use anymore. Hebrews chapter one beginning of Hebrews chapter one tells us that although did God did speak to the fathers at many

times in many ways in these last days he is spoken to us by his son and so the words of Jesus are the words of the last prophet and God does not speak anymore after Jesus Jesus is God's final word, which is why his apostles his sent ones.

The word as were his hand and his end to write is words by his spirit whom he promised in John chapter 16, the words of his apostles are the last words to mankind from God because Jesus is the final word but at this time these dreams were asked to Joseph as the scriptures are to us and so as we see his absolute confidence that despite all he saw in his circumstances dreams and interpretations he says verse 8 interpretations.

Belonged to God and it is as if we and we should read our Bibles and see all the promises and all the wisdom and all the goodness of God in the Bible and know what he is doing putting all Jesus's enemies under his feet gathering in all the elect completing the number of the the believers who are witnesses to the Lord Jesus like their brethren like he says in the fifth seal in Revelation 6, and so on that we know that God is always accomplishing those things every bit as much as Joseph knew.

That God was not just going to accomplish the butler and the baker's dreams but that God was accomplishing. Joseph's dreams. Serif Joseph didn't believe that God was accomplishing his dreams he would not have said to the butler in the bakery interpretations belonged to God if Joseph didn't believe that his dreams were being fulfilled that God had given him as a prophetic dream then Joseph would have said yeah but dreams don't really come true don't let that bother you come over here and have your prison breakfast.

But no. Joseph trusted what God was doing interestingly he. He hoped that this would be a means by which he would be delivered back to his own land. As long as he was in Potiphar's house, he was in Potiphar's jail. But he tells them in verse 15 that he was wrongly brought to Potiphar's house and wrongly put in the jail and said that if the Chief Butler when he was restored to his position would tell Pharaoh about this matter of injustice the implication is Joseph could get you know his freedom and maybe even transport back to the land of the Hebrews Joseph.

Didn't even know the greatness of what the Lord was about to do. We say about to do it took him another two years to do it because whereas God never forgets us. Our friends do. Joseph and the Butler and the Baker they were friends They're friends to the point that Joseph taken care of them because everything was put in charge and Joseph not not so much concerned about what would come with him because he knew that what God had said would come of him would come of him.

He was freed in his spirit to care more about what was going on with others. And he can actually notice that his friends the butler and the baker this morning when when we all got up that they seemed they seemed off. They seemed sadder than usual. So what's going on?

Guys. What are you so sad? And so they were friends. And yet when he said, but remember me when it is well with you. That's not just some stranger. That's his friend. And then at the end you have the chief Butler did not remember Joseph. Can you imagine what happened just like Joseph my friend said?

Can't wait to tell Pharaoh about Joseph, maybe we can get him out of the prison and sent back to the land that he was wrongfully stolen from. But he doesn't remember him. God will never forget you. But your friends will even your friends will. Scripture tells us in Proverbs, there's a friend who take a closer than a brother and the Lord Jesus is that friend.

There are brothers who stick less close than friends and your friends will forget you. So we see that God remembers Joseph and even though Joseph for another two years is going to be in this prison and the means that Joseph thought would be his deliverance didn't end up at first being his deliverance.

We see that our unfulfilled expect. Ations don't mean God's forgetfulness has God forgotten Joseph just because the Butler for God says if does God forget you that's because your friends forget you. No, but don't don't forget that God is in control not only over the good but over the bad.

Interpretations belong to God was not great and used for the baker. He thought it was you know, maybe he wasn't fully on board with this you always stuff that the strange Hebrews slave that they had said over the prison was always talking about so that even when he was in Potiphar's household and over the whole house and things were going well, it tells us that that Potiphar saw that you always was with Joseph because just always talking about maybe the the baker didn't go in for all that you always tough, but After he heard the interpretation for the cup bearer for the butler he thought ooh get me one of those interpretations after all.

I'm holding a basket of bread and birds are eating out of it. So, maybe I will have my head lifted up too and Joseph says, you will have your head lifted up to. From you. And.

Hopefully when he was condemned to be hanged he had the wherewithal to believe oh. Joseph's God. Yahweh really is God. And those promises that he is talking about of the seed and all the families of the earth he blessed those are true. Wouldn't it be

marvelous if as a result of the fulfillment of the Word of God the the the baker was marvelously spiritually saved just like the thief on the cross who was being executed for his crimes was marvelously saved when he realized that Jesus is true.

And put his hope in a dying savior when to be marvelous if the baker put his hope and the savior that this condemned enslaved you the Hebrew I was talking about but it reminds us that God is not just sovereignly over the good things that happen interpretations belong to God even about the bad things.

And so when you see things that are very discouraging and devastating or even him who can kill the body. Knowing that interpretations belong to God means you don't fear them. You fear worship trust in him who after killing the body can cast the soul into owl. Because he came as a man to bear our hell on the cross so that we who trust in him will have everlasting life.

And therefore there is nothing that anyone can do to take it away from us not part of her not part of his life not the brothers not Pharaoh not the government not friends who not only forget you but turn against you which we also see throughout the scripture. God is the one who controls all in the controls at all according to his plan to save unto everlasting life and unending blessedness.

Those who trust in Christ, so my dear children know that God is the one who is working all things together for good. Spray.

Our father in heaven how he thank you. For your great mercy to us. That you have. Granted to us your word. And to know that the reason interpretations belong to you is because the future belongs to you. And our present belongs to you helpless we pray to trust your word in that even if we are a circumstance in which it doesn't seem to be coming true.

That we would trust what you have said over what we seem to see. We pray that you would help us to take rest and peace and joy from the fact that you remember us.

And we pray that you would. Glorify yourself.

In stirring us up by faith to obey you trust in you walk with you. Please help my children. I pray when the day comes that they find themselves, maybe even literally. Falsely condemned in a prison. They find themselves. Forgotten by their friends. That they would remember that you are still in control and that you still remember them for good and that you are showing them steadfast love.

In Christ in his name we ask it also Amen.