

“GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY AND SUFFERING” (Genesis 39-41)

- ◆ The Christian life is not like a ride on the Shinkansen!
- ◆ For God’s child, the path from “Destiny Revealed” to “Destiny Fulfilled” is marked by suffering.

I. Joseph’s _____ on the Roller Coaster!

- a series of Promotions and Demotions...
- Genesis 39:1-20 – In Potiphar’s house!
 - “captain of the bodyguard...made Joseph overseer”*
 - “his master’s wife looked with desire”*
- Genesis 39:21-40:23 – In prison!
- Genesis 41:1-44 – In the presence of the king!
 - “behold”*
 - “his spirit was troubled”*
 - “over all the land of Egypt”*

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II. Joseph’s _____ on the Roller Coaster!

-Dominated by a _____ focus.

“What we believe about God is the most important thing about us...the most revealing thing about the church is her view of God...the first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high view of God. The man who comes to a right belief about God can find peace and calm in the midst of ten thousand problems.” -A.W. Tozer

A. Three Snapshots of Joseph (a striking pattern)

1. Genesis 39:9 –
2. Genesis 40:8 –
3. Genesis 41:16, 25, 28, 32 –

B. Three Snapshots of Jacob (a sobering contrast)

1. Genesis 37:35 –
2. Genesis 42:36 –
3. Genesis 47:9 –

“I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. WAIT for the LORD; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; WAIT, I say, on the LORD.” -David in Psalm 27:13-14