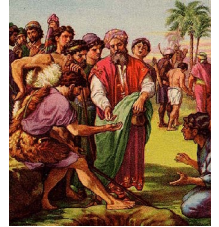


The Faith of Joseph

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Text: Hebrews 11:22



Introduction: Joseph is one of my favorite Bible characters. He is one of those great men of God that should be imitated. Very little negative can be said of Joseph. His story begins in Genesis 37 and continues throughout the rest of the book. His life speaks of his faith but also his death reveals his great faith in God. There is no doubt that much can be gleaned from the bones of Joseph. Read Genesis 50:24-25 and you will see that Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will take care of you. He will lead you out of this land to the land he promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Then Joseph had the sons of Israel make a promise. He said, "Promise me that you will carry my bones with you out of Egypt." This was a testimony of his faith. Why? Let's study

Discussion:

I. JOSEPH UNDERSTOOD THE PLIGHT OF MAN

Hebrews 9:27, James 4:14, Genesis 45:4-8, Romans 8:28, Psalm 90:10, Isaiah 38:1, Amos 4:12, James 4:15, Matthew 16:18, John 11:25; 5:28-29, I Corinthians 15

II. JOSEPH UNDERSTOOD THE PLAN OF GOD

Genesis 41:40, Romans 12:3, James 4:10, Acts 4:12, John 8:24, John 14:6, Acts 4:12

III. JOSEPH UNDERSTOOD THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

Hebrews 11:4, Matthew 5:16, Romans 14:7, I Timothy 4:12, I Peter 2:21-22

IV. JOSEPH UNDERSTOOD THE PROMISES OF GOD

Genesis 12:7, 26:3, 28:13, 50:24-25, Exodus 13:19, Joshua 24:32, Matthew 12:39-40, John 5:28-29, John 14:1-3

V. JOSEPH UNDERSTOOD THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Exodus 1:8, Hebrews 11:22, Exodus 2, Exodus 3, Exodus 4-5, Exodus 6, Exodus 14
Exodus 13:19, Joshua 24:32

Conclusion: The bones of Joseph reveal the faith of a man that could see the unseen (Hebrews 11:1, 6). He knew God would keep His promise (Hebrews 11:22). And he had an active living faith that caused him to repeat the promises of God (James 2:26). Many of us would stand behind our own promises, few of us would stand behind the promises of those we know, and even fewer would stand behind the promises of someone we have never seen face to face. That is faith! Do you have that kind of faith?

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