



The Profound Dilemma

LESSON THREE OF FIVE

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TEXT: **Genesis 39-41**

INTRODUCTION: In our previous two lessons we noticed the potential dynasty Joseph already had with the nation of Israel and the providential dreams he was receiving from God. It seems that now he has been sold to the captain of the Egyptian guard, Potiphar. We could easily liken him to the head of the Secret Service for our president in the United States. The text clearly reveals that God was with Joseph the whole time. God still has a plan for him. He had to earn the respect of many people in our story, but his allegiance was always to the Lord. Open your Bible and let's study together. . . .

DISCUSSION:

I. Joseph Earns Respect From The Captain of the Guard

- A. Joseph Is Sold (**Genesis 39:1**)
- B. Joseph Is Successful (**Genesis 39:2-5**)
- C. Joseph Is Stressed (**Genesis 39:6-10**)
- D. Joseph Is Shamed (**Genesis 39:11-20**)

II. Joseph Earns Respect From The Keeper of the Prison

- A. The Warden of the Prison (**Genesis 39:21-23**)
- B. The Cupbearer to the King (**Genesis 40:1-15**)
- C. The Baker to the King (**Genesis 40:1-8, 16-19**)
- D. The Dreams Come True (**Genesis 40:20-23**)

III. Joseph Earns Respect From The King of Egypt

- A. The Dreams of the Pharaoh (**Genesis 41:1-31**)
- B. The Plan of Joseph (**Genesis 41:32-36**)
- C. The Promotion of Joseph (**Genesis 41:37-52**)
- D. The Plague of Egypt (**Genesis 41:53-57**)

CONCLUSION: The story of Joseph has taken him from the pit to the palace. Where are you in your spiritual journey? Are you facing a dilemma? Let the Lord give you comfort.

WORD OF THE DAY = "KING"