

# **“Preparing for Tomorrow”**

*A lesson from the life of Joseph*



**Genesis 41 & 42**



# **The Joseph chapters**

## **Genesis 37-50**

He's a hero!

He's a type of Christ!

*Lesson's on*

God's providence and plans,

Man's envy, hatred, and evil,

On righteousness and forgiveness,

And on **“preparation for tomorrow”**



# Consider

The ant (Proverbs 30:25)

and the sluggard (Proverbs 20:4)

The days of Noah (Matthew 24:38)

And the coming of Jesus (1 John 2:28)

The child (Ephesians 4:13)

And the young man (1 John 2:14)

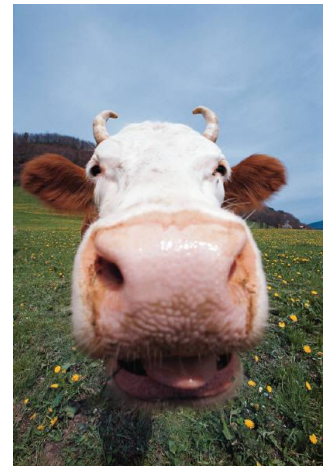
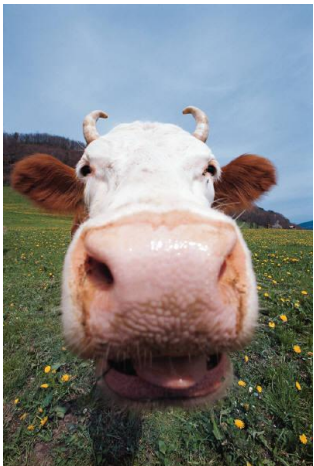
Job & his wife (Job 2:9,10)

# **“Preparing for tomorrow”** **(Genesis 41:1-42:38)**

- 1. *The Warning* (41:1-32) God’s Council**
- 2. *The Wisdom* (41:33-53) Our Control**
- 3. *The Working* (41:54-42:38) Life’s Care**

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Life is an opportunity *today*  
to show *faithfulness to God*  
by preparing for *tomorrow.*



# I. The Warning (41:1-32)

1. Life will have good & bad times.(v.31)
2. Life's understanding brings peace.(v.16)
3. Life's times are in God's hands.(v.32)



The “prosperity” gospel without  
the “poverty” gospel isn’t Biblical!



Genesis 12:10

Job 1:21

Psalms 37:19

Philippians 4:12

# **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

## **II. The Wisdom (41:33-53)**



- 1. Take charge – (v.33)**
- 2. Make a chart – (vs.34-36)**
- 3. Keep the commitment – (vs.47-49)**

**Follow God's Word, Do it God's way,  
And see it work!**

**Exodus 16:5**

**Proverbs 31:21**

**Proverbs 6:6-11**

**Isaiah 38:1**

# Discreet & Wise



## Proverbs 14

**v.8** - *The wisdom* of the prudent is ....

**v. 15** - The prudent man *looks well* to his going.

**v. 18** – the prudent are crowned with *knowledge*.

**Proverbs 22:3** – The prudent *foresees evil* and..

**Proverbs 24:3** – Through *wisdom* is a house built; by *understanding* it is established. (v.31)



# III. The Working

## (41:54-42:38)



1. Provision will be there – (v.54)
2. People will be blessed – (v.57)
3. Providence will happen – (42:1-3)

“God’s work, done God’s way, will never lack God’s supply” (J. Hudson Taylor)

Genesis 45:7,8

Luke 12:19



Psalms 37:25,26

John 6:9-13

# Prepared for tomorrow??

Eternal death-free living?

Defeat-free living?

Debt-free living?

Depression-free living?

What did we learn from the life of Joseph?





# **Jesus & the Sabbath**

## **Matthew 12:1-14**

**Christians shouldn't work on Sunday!!??**

***We're not under Old Testament law!!??***

**So go steal, murder, and commit adultery!!?**

***But this is different!! Is it?***

**Jesus and the Sabbath**

# **An Outline**

## **Matthew 12:1-14**

- 1. The legalists & the Sabbath (vs.1-5)**
- 2. The Lord of the Sabbath (vs. 6-8)**
- 3. The lesson on the Sabbath (vs. 9-14)**

***A correct view of the Sabbath  
is necessary for  
a correct view of the Saviour.***

**Sunday evening**  
**January 17, 2010**

***Jesus & The Sabbath***  
***Matthew 12***

# **The legalists & the Sabbath**

## **(vs.1-5)**

**The Sabbath was the easiest way to establish self-righteousness and condemn another.**

### **The Sabbath in the Scriptures**

***Genesis 2:1-3***

***Exodus 16:23***

***Exodus 20:8***

***31:21***

***34:21***

***35:21***

***Nehemiah 10:31***

***Isaiah 56:2; 58:13,14***

***Jeremiah 17:27***

***Ezekiel 22:8,15***

# The Lord of the Sabbath (vs. 6-8)

**ceremonial observances must give way before moral duties**

**And He said unto them, the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath" ( [Mark 2:27](#) ).**

# Lord of the Sabbath

**In what sense now is the Son of man  
Lord of the Sabbath day?**

**but to *own* it, to *interpret* it, to  
*preside over* it, and to *ennoble* it,  
by merging it in the "Lord's Day"**

**( [Revelation 1:10](#) )**

# The lesson on the Sabbath (vs. 9-14)

The purpose of the Sabbath was to glorify God (John 17:4) and doing good glorifies Him...this was the lesson to be learned.

Psalm 34:14

Luke 6:35

Galatians 6:10

Hebrews 13:16

James 4:7

I Peter 2:15

# So

1. **The Sabbath was created for man –  
for rest and reflection**
2. **The Sabbath was corrupted by man –  
by self-righteousness & accusation**
3. **The Sabbath was continued for man –  
“upon the first day of the week”**

**God still deserves a day!**