

STUDY 3 - THE GOD WHO REVEALS AND REMEMBERS - GENESIS 40–41

Share

Think of a time when you felt forgotten or had to wait a long time for something important. What was that experience like, and how did it affect you?

Observe & Reflect

Read Genesis 40

1. In Genesis 40:1-4, Joseph is in prison yet given responsibility over the cupbearer and baker. What does this show about Joseph's character and position even in difficult circumstances? How does this connect to what we saw in Genesis 39?
2. From Genesis 40:5-8, how do the prisoners' dreams affect them, and how does Joseph respond? What does Joseph mean when he says, "Don't interpretations belong to God?" (v. 8). What does this reveal about his understanding of God?
3. Compare Joseph's interpretations of the two dreams in Genesis 40:9-19. How are they similar in structure, and how are they different in outcome? What happens in verses 20-23, and how does the cupbearer's response affect Joseph?

Read Genesis 40–41

4. In Genesis 41:1-8, Pharaoh has two dreams that trouble him. Why are Egypt's magicians and wise men unable to help? What does this highlight about human wisdom versus God's revelation?
5. When Joseph is brought before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14-16), how does he respond to Pharaoh's statement about his ability to interpret dreams? How is this consistent with his earlier words in the prison (ch. 40)? What does it teach us about giving glory to God?
6. Summarise Joseph's interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams in Genesis 41:25-32. What key truths does Joseph emphasise about God (note how many times he mentions God)? How does the repetition of the dreams reinforce this?
7. In Genesis 41:33-36, Joseph doesn't just interpret the dreams — he gives practical wisdom. What does his advice reveal about responding to God's revealed will? How does this show faith combined with action?

Next Steps

8. How does Joseph's experience of being forgotten in prison (40:23) and then suddenly elevated challenge or encourage you when God's promises or timing feel delayed? What does this passage teach us about God's sovereignty even in seasons of waiting?

9. The New Testament connects waiting and patience with hope in Christ (see James 5:7-11). Where in your life right now do you need to trust that God remembers you and is advancing His purposes, even if it doesn't feel like it? What would it look like this week to live with that confidence, pointing others to God as Joseph did?