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Title: “Every Knee Shall Bow”

Series: Genesis – Beginnings

Text: Genesis 40-41

Main point: *Just as He promised, the Lord exalts the humbly-suffering, God-exalting, wisdom-walking son.*

Through his suffering, the Chosen Son...

I. **Honors** God, 40:1-41:24 (*see also Gen. 37:1-11; 50:20-21; 1 Sam. 2:20; Prov. 3:5-6; Is. 42:8; 50:7-9; Dan. 2:1-30; Matt. 20:26-28; Phil 2:5-8; Jas. 1:2-4*)

II. **Reveals** God’s wisdom, 41:25-36 (*see also Ps. 105:16-22; Prov. 8; 9:10; Is. 42:1-4; Dan. 2:31-45; Matt. 7:24-29; Col. 1:15-23; 2:1-7; Heb. 1:1-4; Jas. 1:5; 3:13-18*)

III. **Is Exalted** before men, 41:37-57 (*see also 1 Sam. 2:20; Is. 52:13-15; Dan. 2:46-49; Matt. 10:24-25; John 12:20-32; 13:16; 15:20; Phil. 2:9-11; Jas. 4:10; Rev. 7:9-12*)

Questions for Reflection

1. Read Genesis 40-41:24. Why is it important that Joseph “attends to” or “ministers to” these prisoners? How has Joseph grown in his character since chapter 37? How does Joseph speak about God in this text? What opportunities did Joseph's suffering create that comfort and success might not have created? What are some of the common reactions to unjust suffering that we see in the world today? How does Joseph stand apart from these? In what ways can you use your suffering to bring honor to God? How does this keep our pain from being wasted?
2. Read Genesis 41:25-36. What is the significance of Joseph crediting God rather than himself? How would you describe Joseph's manner of speaking to the most powerful man in the land? What's the significance of Pharaoh recognizing that this wisdom comes from God (41:38)? Read James 1:5 and 3:13-18. Where does wisdom come from? How do we obtain wisdom (see also Matt. 7:24-27)? Does your life exhibit the wisdom of God? What steps can you take right now in order to obtain and walk in wisdom?
3. Read Genesis 41:37-57. When the Egyptians and Pharaoh hear the wisdom of Joseph, and pay attention to his crediting God, how do they respond? How else do we see the pattern of humiliation and exaltation in Scripture? Read 1 John 1:8-10. How do we see humility and exaltation in this text? Why is confession and repentance so essential to the Christian walk? Do you see these regular, ongoing practices in your life? Why or why not?
4. What are the similarities between Joseph and Jesus that stand out in this text? If you have been united to Christ, how have you seen his character being formed in you? How have you seen change in your life to becoming more like Jesus?
5. Christ is speaking so that you might hear and in hearing you might turn to him, and in turning to him, he might heal you. What do you need to bring before him today?

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 42, Andy McClellan

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