



## Lesson #1: Commissioning of a Choice Servant (Gen. 37)

The book of Genesis could be called the “Theological \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Scriptures” and \_\_\_\_ chapters of the book have to do with the life of Joseph. The life of Joseph can be divided into three epics.

- 1) He is seen as a \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) He is seen as a \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) He is seen as a \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph is a unique man in that he climbs from the pit to take his place in the palace. While his brothers hated him, he would become a beloved ruler. In our first message on his life, we will take a hard look at his \_\_\_\_\_. We will discover that this man grew up in some of the most ungodly soil. It’s amazing that God could take a young man from such a place and use him like He did! This should give us hope for today! If God can do that with Joseph, then He can do that for \_\_\_\_\_. What strikes me most about Joseph is that he appears to never lose his sense of who He is – God’s \_\_\_\_\_ servant!

## GOD SEES THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS CHOICE SERVANTS (37:1-2)

One of the most striking things about Joseph is how he stands out from the crowd.

### A. Joseph was different because he refused to \_\_\_\_\_

If you read the story of his life, it is plain to see that Joseph stood out from his brothers in his \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_, and in his \_\_\_\_\_, and as a result his brothers hated him. It would have been easier for Joseph to have joined his brothers in their sin, but, he was determined to do the right thing – even if it cost him everything!

### B. Joseph was different because he was willing to \_\_\_\_\_

Purity, integrity and a desire to do the right things at all times marked the life of Joseph. You get this impression the very first time he was sent out to work with his brothers. Every one of our lives should be marked by this kind of commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.

## GOD SEES THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS CHOICE SERVANTS

Joseph’s life began with the encounter of two huge problems. They are two huge problems that are encountered by many of God’s choice servants.

### A. Problem #1: Joseph’s family was \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph’s home was far from perfect

- Joseph was born when his father, Jacob, was on the \_\_\_\_\_
- Joseph’s father was a \_\_\_\_\_
- Joseph is son #11 and his father’s favorite which makes him his brother’s \_\_\_\_\_
- Joseph was 7 when his father became permanently \_\_\_\_\_
- Joseph was 12 when his mother \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Problem #2: Joseph’s family was \_\_\_\_\_

The half-brother of Joseph were an evil bunch that you didn’t want to fall out of favor with. They were guilty of \_\_\_\_\_ (37:25), incest (35:33), hatred (37:4), envy (37:11), \_\_\_\_\_ their brother (37:38), \_\_\_\_\_ (37:31-33), and immorality (38:12-18) just to name a few.

## GOD SEES THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS CHOICE SERVANTS (37:3-11)

God desires to place hope in the heart of those that are hated and persecuted.

### A. God gives promises that are \_\_\_\_\_

The only source of hope in a hopeless world is found in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. God is saying to this grieving man, Joseph, “I can give you a position of prominence even though you are cast down.”

### B. God gives promises that are \_\_\_\_\_

God repeats these promises because he knew that Joseph needs something that will fortify him and prepare him for the years of trials ahead. It was these dreams that reassured him that God had a plan for his life and that, eventually, everything would turn out all right.

## CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

In the bouquet that formed Jacob’s family, there was really only one \_\_\_\_\_. Joseph was a \_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_. Joseph’s life was confirmation that “all things work together for good to them that love God” (Romans 8:28). Sometimes it may look like the world and the flesh and the devil are winning. But remember that as a choice servant of God’s He is on your side, you will always win because he has something special for you. God is watching out for his choice servants!