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“What God has Done”

Joseph (Part 7)

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’” (Revelation 21:4-5)

New Focus

Genesis 41:50-51 – (50) “Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him.

(51) Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. **‘For,’ he said, ‘God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father’s house.’**”

Trumping Trauma

Job 42:10 – “And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

Acts 20:22-24 – (22) “And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, (23) except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. (24) But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

Neutralizing Nostalgia

Psalms 45:10-11, 16-17 – (10) “Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: **forget your people and your father’s house,** (11) and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him. (16) In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. (17) I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.”

Luke 9:61-62 – (61) “Yet another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ (62) Jesus said to him, **‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’**”

New Life

Genesis 41:52 – “The name of the second he called Ephraim, ‘For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.’”

Pain and Proliferation

Exodus 1:12 – “But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel.”

Producer Preference

Philippians 1:21-25 – (21) “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (22) If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. (23) I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. (24) But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. (25) Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,”

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