

February Theme: The Kingdom Covenanted

Message Title: Kingdom Providence in Suffering - Joseph, God's Throne Over Evil

Primary Text: Genesis 50:20 (KJV)

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

INTRODUCTION: THE THRONE THAT NEVER TREMBLES

Suffering is one of the most misunderstood realities in the life of a believer. Many assume that pain signals God's absence. Yet Scripture reveals something deeper: suffering often becomes the stage upon which God demonstrates His sovereign providence.

Joseph's life answers critical Kingdom questions:

- **Who** reigns when evil seems to win?
- **What** is God doing in betrayal and delay?
- **When** does divine purpose unfold?
- **Where** is God in injustice?
- **Why** does He allow suffering?
- **How** does He transform pain into preservation?

Joseph's testimony in Genesis 50:20 is not emotional denial; it is theological revelation. He discerned a higher throne above human intentions.

Romans 8:28 confirms:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God..."

Jesus Himself declared in John 16:33:

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The cross of Christ is the ultimate proof that what men mean for evil, God ordains for eternal redemption (Acts 2:23).

Smith Wigglesworth declared:

"Great faith is the product of great fights."

Joseph's life is a portrait of Kingdom providence—God's sovereign governance even in suffering.

Today we examine this under three Kingdom truths:

Throne. Trial. Triumph.

I. THE THRONE - God's Sovereignty Over Human Schemes

Genesis 37 reveals envy. Genesis 39 reveals false accusation. Genesis 40 reveals forgetfulness. Yet through every chapter, there is a repeated phrase:

"The LORD was with Joseph" (Genesis 39:2, 21).

1. God's Throne Is Supreme

Psalm 103:19: “The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.”

Joseph’s brothers acted freely, but never outside God’s authority.

Potiphar’s wife lied, but not beyond divine permission.

The prison confined Joseph, but not God’s purpose.

Kingdom covenant means God governs history for redemptive ends.

Myles Munroe often taught: “When purpose is known, abuse is eliminated.”

Joseph understood his purpose through dreams (Genesis 37:5–11). Those dreams were covenant declarations. Though delayed, they were never canceled.

2. Jesus and the Throne

At Calvary, evil appeared victorious. Yet Colossians 2:15 declares:

“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

Joseph foreshadows Christ:

- Betrayed by brethren
- Sold for silver
- Falsely accused
- Numbered with transgressors
- Exalted to save many

The throne was never vacant.

Kingdom Revelation:

Your suffering does not dethrone God.

II. THE TRIAL - God’s School of Formation

Genesis 41:14 shows Joseph suddenly summoned from prison to palace. But there were thirteen years between dream and fulfillment.

1. Suffering as Development

Psalm 105:17–19: “Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.”

The promise tested the man before the palace promoted him.

Joseph endured:

- **Betrayal**
- **Bondage**
- **Blame**
- **Being forgotten**

Yet he remained faithful.

Kathryn Kuhlman once said: “God is not looking for golden vessels; He is looking for yielded vessels.”

Joseph's integrity in private qualified him for influence in public.

2. Jesus on Suffering

Luke 24:26: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

Hebrews 5:8: "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."

Suffering in the Kingdom is not punishment, it is preparation.

Eastwood Anaba emphasizes that pressure reveals identity. Joseph's response to temptation in Genesis 39:9 proves his consecration: "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

Joseph saw beyond circumstance. He feared God more than loss.

Kingdom Truth:

Trials refine covenant carriers.

III. THE TRIUMPH - God's Salvation Through Brokenness

Genesis 41:41: "See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt."

Genesis 45:5: "God did send me before you to preserve life."

Genesis 50:20 reveals Joseph's spiritual maturity. He did not deny evil. He reinterpreted it through divine providence.

1. Providence Preserves Purpose

Joseph's suffering positioned him to save nations.

This mirrors Christ: - Isaiah 53:5: "But he was wounded for our transgressions..."

Through crucifixion came resurrection.

Through rejection came redemption.

Through suffering came salvation.

2. Forgiveness as Evidence of Triumph

Joseph forgave his brothers.

Matthew 5:44: "Love your enemies..." - True triumph is not revenge, it is redemption.

Joseph's promotion was not merely political; it was prophetic. He preserved the covenant line that would ultimately produce the Messiah (Genesis 49).

Kingdom Triumph Means:

- God redeems evil.
- God restores destiny.
- God preserves covenant.

CONCLUSION: YOU CANNOT REMAIN NEUTRAL IN A KINGDOM REALITY

Joseph's life teaches:

- God reigns.
- Trials refine.

- Triumph redeems.

The covenant-keeping God sits upon the throne over every betrayal, injustice, and delay.

The cross proves it.

The resurrection confirms it.

Joseph prefigures it.

The question is not whether suffering comes.

The question is whether you discern God's providence within it.

Decision must be made:

- Will you interpret pain through bitterness?
- Or through Kingdom perspective?

Romans 12:21: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

SEVEN PRAYER POINTS

1. **Father, open my eyes to see Your throne above every circumstance in my life.**
2. **Lord, give me grace to remain faithful in seasons of betrayal and delay.**
3. **Refine my character through trial until I reflect Christ.**
4. **Deliver me from bitterness and release in me the power to forgive.**
5. **Align my suffering with Your saving purpose.**
6. **Strengthen my faith to trust Your providence when I cannot trace Your hand.**
7. **Establish Your Kingdom purpose in me so that many may be preserved through my obedience.**

Final Exhortation

What men intend for harm, God governs for holiness.

What seems like defeat becomes divine design.

The throne of Heaven is not threatened by earthly evil.

Kingdom providence reigns.