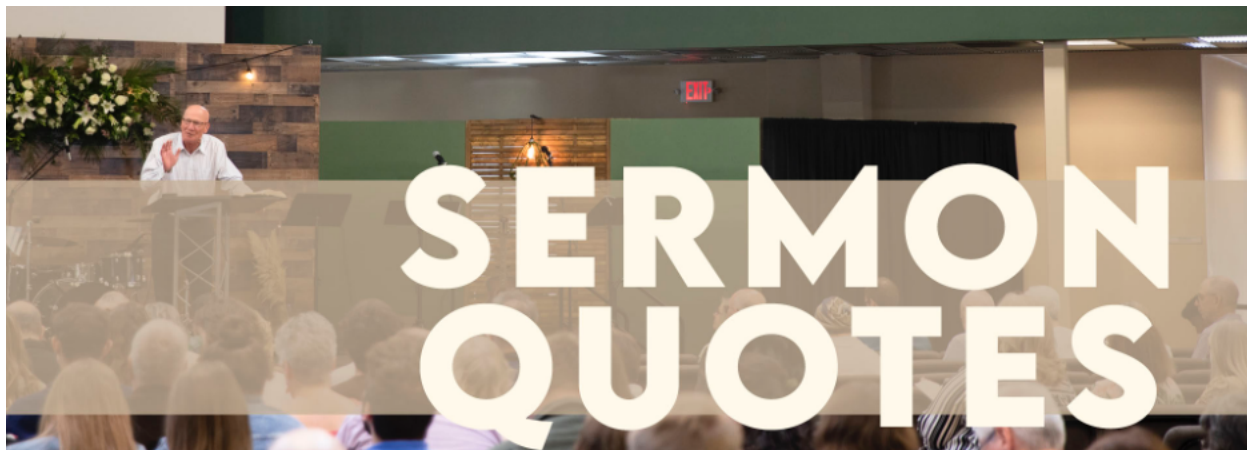




“God has revealed the goal and nature and extent of his providence. He has not been silent. He has shown us these things in the Bible. This is one of the reasons that the apostle Paul says, ‘All Scripture is...profitable’ (2 Tiim. 3:16). The profit lies not mainly in the validation of a theological viewpoint but in the revelation of a great God, the exaltation of his invincible grace, and the liberation of his undeserving people. God has revealed his purposeful sovereignty over good and evil in order to humble human pride, intensify human worship, shatter human hopelessness and put ballast in the battered boat of human faith, steel in the spine of human courage, gladness in the groan of affliction, and love in the heart that sees no way forward.”

— John Piper

“What we find in the Bible is real and raw. The prizing and proclaiming of God’s pervasive providence was forged in the flames of hatred and love, deceit and truth, murder and mercy, carnage and kindness, cursing and blessing, mystery and revelation, and, finally, crucifixion and resurrection.” — John Piper

“The young Joseph is sketched as immature, unwise, boastful, and extremely talkative...Joseph appears to be an unlikeable character. In

short, the narrator sketches the young Joseph as a fool (this will change later).” —Sidney Greidanus

“Then they said to one another, ‘In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen.’ —Genesis 42:21

“This forms a transition in the dominant means of God’s revelation from theophany in Genesis 1-11, to dreams and visions in 12-35 and now to providence in 36-50.” — Bruce Waltke

“Throughout this account the reader is being trained to see the apparent hiddenness of God does not indicate the uncaring absence of God.” — Willem VanGemeren

**“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...”
— Gen. 50:20**

“The heartbreaking perplexity of God-given hopes apparently wrecked by God-ordained circumstances is a reality for many Christians today and will be the experience of many more tomorrow-just as it was for Joseph.” — J.I. Packer

**“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose...What then shall we say to these things” If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not with him graciously give us all things?”
— Romans 8:28;31-32**

“The story of Joseph’s fall and rise through the sins of his brothers and the sovereignty of God is overflowing with the lessons about the

ways of God and the (seeming!) detours of our lives. One of the most famous sayings of the Bible is in this story. It has shed painfully comforting light on a thousand tragedies: You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good. The 'you' in that sentence could be anyone who does something that hurts you, even the devil himself. What we will see is that this story points finally to the One who was hurt worse than anyone by his enemies, and in that very abuse and pain God meant it for good-infinite good." — John Piper