

“And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.” —Genesis 45:7-11

“Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.” —Genesis 15:13

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous , that he might bring us to God.” —1 Peter 3:18

“Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the Age.”
—Matthew 28:20

“If you think that one week of “shock and awe” combat will win this war of redemption, you’re bound to be disappointed….And if you promise easy, once-for-all victories to others, then you'll never be much help to other strugglers…God works step-by-step. He walks with you. He’s always interested in how you take your very next step. Walking with him feels right. You’re going somewhere. The day of “completion” will not arrive until the day when Jesus Christ arrives. When we see him, then we will be like him (1 John 3.2)…all tears…past (Rev. 21:3-4). Someday, not today, everything being renewed will be entirely new (Rev. 21:5). Much of the failure to right well, befriend well, pastor well, and counsel well arises because we don’t really understand and work well with this long truth.”
—David Powlison