

GOD PRESERVES AND BLESSES THE RIGHTEOUS

“The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever -- do not abandon the works of your hands.” (Psalm 138: 8)

“The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered.” (Genesis 39:2)

A) Joseph's betrayal by his brothers:

Joseph had been chosen even before the foundation of the world to be one among the remnant of Israel. Even though Satan tried hard to snuff out his life, God in His infinite mercy and grace preserved him in the pit and exalted him among the heathen nations. In fact he became the Prime Minister of Egypt. **GOD CERTAINLY BLESSES AND PRESERVES THE RIGHTEOUS.**

B) His imprisonment:

When Joseph was in Egypt, Satan again tried to thwart God's plan in his life. He was falsely accused of seducing Potiphar's wife and ultimately sent to prison. But, even there his righteousness shone like the noonday sun among the prisoners. His interpretation of the dream with the wisdom of God won him great favour in the sight of Pharaoh. His imprisonment which was meant for his harm by the enemy, in fact became a blessing to gain the audience and favour of Pharaoh to fulfill God's plan. **GOD CERTAINLY BLESSES AND PRESERVES THE RIGHTEOUS.**

C) The famine:

Joseph was chosen to lead the rest of the family to salvation. The dream came true and all his brothers knelt before the Lord's anointed. The scales of ignorance fell away and their eyes were opened to ***‘The way, the truth and the life’***. They also realized that when God preserves the righteous, their mourning shall

turn into joy. As for him and his household, they served the Lord and were able to taste God's providence. Jehovah Jireh was at work in their lives. **GOD CERTAINLY BLESSES AND PRESERVES THE RIGHTEOUS.**

D) Relevance to my life:

I have been chosen to be the Joseph of my household, not because of my righteousness but because He had planned it even before the foundation of the world. Like Joseph, God allowed me to go through various trials but through it all He has proved to me that **HE BLESSES AND PRESERVES THE RIGHTEOUS.** who are called according to His purpose and who will obey His Word.

The transformation that Jesus brought into me made the other members of my household marvel at God's infinite mercy and grace and facilitated them to come to His feet too. He certainly uses the ordinary things of the world like me to confound the wise. I know for sure that God who has begun the good work will complete it to perfection by drawing the old and the young of my family to His throne of grace and mercy.

My Dear and Beloved: What you have read is relevant also to your life. Like Joseph each one of us who is a true believer has been chosen even when we were in the unformed state in our mother's womb. Every trial we are faced with, enables us to get a step closer to God if only we rely on Him. It prepares us to become vessels worthy of honour to serve at the Master's table. So consider that all things work together for the good of those who love Him and who are called according to His purpose. Remember **GOD BLESSES AND PRESERVES THE RIGHTEOUS,** as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord help me to trust You in my life, knowing that you have good plans to prosper me and to give me hope and future. Thank you for being beside me during the difficulties of my life. Lord help me to obey you and to go on with your plans until You fulfill your purpose and destiny for my life. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.