

BULLETIN OF THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
AT
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| I. "You may read about it in the Bible."
Rom. 16:16 | III. "Its acts of worship are patterned after the New Testament."
John 4:24 |
| II. "It speaks where the Bible speaks, is silent where the Bible is silent."
I Pet. 4:11 | IV. "It exalts Christ as the <i>only</i> head of the church."—Colossians 1:18 |
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YOU ARE WELCOME AT OUR SERVICES

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THE STORY OF JOSEPH

The story of Joseph is a beautiful and pathetic one. It is interesting always to young and old, and who can read it without tears? It is most valuable in that it shows us how God's providence rules over all, even the envy and wickedness of people, famine, and plenty, for the good of those who serve him. The envy and wickedness of his brethren and the apparent misfortunes of Joseph were stepping-stones to his greatness and goodness. His environments were not always favorable to piety and purity. His older brethren in many things set him a bad example. The partiality of his father was not good for his disposition, and yet his character approached perfection as nearly as any in the Old Testament.

If, like Joseph, we will so serve God that he can work out his plan and purpose through us; if we truly love him, then he will be with us as truly as he was with Joseph in the pit and the prison, and will cause all things to work together for our good. "If God is for us, who is against us?"

Joseph's dreams with most apparent signification aroused the hatred and excited the envy of his brethren against him. Their cool and deliberate conspiracy, their unprincipled and ferocious determination to shed innocent blood stirs our hearts. The horribly wicked deed of nine strong, grown men (Reuben had planned to restore Joseph safe to his father) conspiring to bury a live, a helpless and defenseless lad by casting him into a gloomy pit to die of starvation and anguish,

while in distress of soul he plead for his life (Gen. 42:21), presents one of the saddest and most cruel pictures which the imagination can draw.

Joseph was seventeen years old when he was sold into Egypt (Gen. 37:2), and thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh (Gen. 41:46) and interpreted his dreams. Hence he was for thirteen years either a slave or a prisoner, and none the less a slave while a prisoner. These were thirteen years of hard schooling for Joseph, but a thorough preparation for the great work God had for him to do. Learning obedience as a slave fitted Joseph the better to govern others. Discipline developed him, and from every different temptation his character came out shining like gold tried in the fire.

We may all learn from this how faithfulness, truthness, pureness, and patient service of God under severe tests is the only sure way of deliverance from evil and the only right way of elevation. It is the same old and true story of faithfulness in little things and the discharge of present duties which fit one for greater usefulness.

It is not where we are or what we are, whether master or slave, but what we do and the way we do it, that makes our character and shapes our destiny.

Thus Joseph was not only elevated and many saved from the famine through him, but thus God fulfilled his own prediction to Abraham: "Know of a surety that thy seed shall be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them, and they shall afflict them four hundred years; and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterwards shall they come out with great substance." (Gen. 15:13,14)

Joseph's advice to Pharaoh and preparation for the family; his being made ruler over Egypt, second only to Pharaoh on the throne; his meekness and God-fearing faithfulness as ruler; the reaping on the part of his brethren the harvest of trouble from their sad sowing; Judah's sublime speech in behalf of Benjamin; and Joseph's forgiveness of his brethren are all most instructive and helpful. - - - - - E. A. Elam

We were glad to have Mary Anne and Peggy Scott of Benkelman, Nebraska and Nancy Shutt of Winston-Salem as visitors at our Sunday morning services.

"THE SEVEN CHRISTIAN GRACES", about which Bro. Johnson spoke Sunday night, was a most interesting lesson. Were you among the ones who missed hearing it? If so, why not plan to attend this Sunday night?

The work on the preacher's house is not progressing as rapidly as it should. Come every Tuesday and Thursday night that you possibly can and lend a helping hand.

Bro. and Sis. George Harper and family, Bro. and Sis. Jim Harper, and Bro. Miller Harper and wife left Thursday Morning for Nashville, Tenn. to attend the wedding of Herbert Harper and Betty Anderson. We wish for them a long and happy married life.

A T T E N T I O N

July 4 - 14 are very important dates. **REMEMBER,**
IT'S OUR MEETING! Plan now to attend!

"Hand in hand with angels!

Blessed so to be!

Helped are all the helpers;

Giving light, they see.

He who aids another

Strengthens more than one;

Sinking earth he grapples

To the Great White Throne." L. Larson.