

January 21

Genesis 41:1-25

Joseph has already demonstrated that he can interpret dreams. In this passage, we read that he was called upon to interpret a dream for Pharaoh.

Question to Consider:

Joseph was in prison for 2 more years before being asked to interpret Pharaoh's dream. Think of a time when you have had to wait much longer than you expected for something good that had been promised. How did you deal with the delay?

Prayer:

Dear God, please help me to be patient, even when something I have looked forward to has been unexpectedly delayed. I pray in the name of Jesus.

January 22

Genesis 41:25-40

In this passage, Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream and is then rewarded for it.

Question to Consider:

Joseph was recognized by Pharaoh for what he had done, and Pharaoh honored him. Can you think of a time when you had to do something difficult, did it well, and then were recognized for it? What was it, and how were you rewarded?

Prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, the time will come when I am called upon to do something difficult. When that time comes, please give me the guidance and strength I will need to do whatever it is I am called to do in a way that pleases you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

January 23

Genesis 41:41-57

In these verses, we read that Joseph was put in charge of preparing Egypt for the coming famine, and that when it came, people from many nations went to Egypt for grain.

Question to Consider:

Joseph was put in a position in which he could make a positive difference for many, many people. Is there something you would like to do that would benefit others? How might you get started?

Prayer:

Dear God, you have created me and given me the ability to do things. Please guide and direct me to do something that will help other people. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

January 24

Genesis 42:1-17

Sometimes you never know how events will unfold. Among the people going to Egypt for grain were Joseph's brothers, the same ones who had sold him into slavery years earlier.

Question to Consider:

Joseph recognized his brothers immediately and he put them to a test. How do you think you would have reacted if you had been in Joseph's place?

Prayer:

God of Grace, sometimes people treat me wrong and then later I have a chance to respond to them in some way. Please help me to respond to them as you would, with love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

January 25

Genesis 42:18-38

In these verses, we read that Joseph still had not revealed his identity to his brothers and that he had a mission for them.

Question to Consider:

Have you ever been asked to do something that seemed unfair, or just didn't make sense? What was it?

Prayer:

Creator God, there are times when I am asked to do things I do not understand, or that seem unfair. When those times come, I will turn to you. Please guide me because you always know what is best. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.