

Psalm 105:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

Analysis

Pharaoh made Joseph 'lord of his house' and 'ruler of all his substance.' Complete authority was granted to the former prisoner. This dramatic reversal demonstrates God's ability to exalt the humble and faithful. Joseph became steward over Egypt's wealth and resources. This prefigures Christ's exaltation to God's right hand with all authority (Matt 28:18, Phil 2:9-11). The Reformed understanding of divine sovereignty recognizes that God determines who holds authority and for what purposes.

Historical Context

Pharaoh gave Joseph his signet ring, fine clothes, and complete administrative authority over Egypt (Gen 41:42-43). Only Pharaoh himself had greater authority. This unprecedented elevation of a foreign ex-prisoner demonstrated God's providence.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does Joseph's faithful stewardship during testing prepare you to view trials as preparation for greater service?
2. What does Christ's exaltation after humiliation teach about God's ultimate vindication of the faithful?

Interlinear Text

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