

Psalms 105:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

Analysis

Joseph could 'bind princes at his pleasure' and 'teach senators wisdom.' The former slave now commanded royalty and instructed elders. This complete role reversal shows God's sovereignty in exalting and abasing (1 Sam 2:7-8). Joseph's God-given wisdom (Gen 41:39) qualified him to teach Egypt's leaders. This anticipates Christ who, though rejected, will judge all (Matt 19:28, 25:31-46). The Reformed emphasis on God's grace recognizes that all authority and wisdom come from Him, not human merit.

Historical Context

Joseph's administrative wisdom saved Egypt and surrounding nations during seven years of famine (Gen 41:47-57). His strategic grain storage and distribution demonstrated wisdom surpassing Egypt's renowned advisors.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Joseph's use of power to bless others (not revenge) challenge your response to those who wronged you?
2. What wisdom has God given you to serve others in your sphere of influence?

Interlinear Text

לְאַסֵּר	שָׂרֵי יוֹ	בְּנִפְשׁוֹ	וַיְלַמֵּן יוֹ	חֵכְמָה:
To bind	his princes	at his pleasure	and teach his senators	wisdom
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