

A Prison, A Pit, or a Palace

-Genesis 41:1-36

Sermon Notes

God is Always _____ to _____ His _____.

God is Sovereign. What does that mean to

you? _____

God is Faithful. What does that mean to

you? _____

God is Provident. What does that mean to

you? _____

What is Sanctification? Why is it central to our Christian walk?

—Some Questions for Personal Reflection & Discussion—

Do we truly believe that God is Sovereign - that He is truly above all? What am I worrying about that I need to lay at his feet? Meditate on these verses:

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Sanctification is the process of becoming more holy and more like God. Where in my life do I need to grow? Where in my life could apply some more obedience? Meditate on these verses:

Romans 12:1-2

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Pray these verses from Galatians 5: 18-26

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Where do you think God is asking you to address issues? Where is He asking you to grow?

—Quotes—

"God's sovereignty is not so much a theological doctrine as a way of life."
- Charles Spurgeon

"God's sovereignty is the attribute by which He rules His entire creation, and to be sovereign God must be all-knowing, all-powerful, and absolutely free." - A.W. Tozer

"Nothing in all the vast universe can come to pass otherwise than God has eternally purposed." - A.W. Pink

"God's faithfulness means that God will always do what He has said and fulfill what He has promised." - Wayne Grudem

"God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them." - John Piper

"All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on God being with them." - Hudson Taylor

"Sanctification is not my idea of what I want God to do for me; sanctification is God's idea of what He wants to do for me." - Oswald Chambers

"Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness." - Westminster Shorter Catechism

"The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none."
- Thomas Carlyle

"He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else." - Benjamin Franklin