

The life of Joseph & the reward of his purity

Code: 7/OT/10

(Gen.37, 39-48)

1. General Aims of the unit

Better Understanding of the books of the "Old Testament" -

2. Special aims of the lesson

1. A review of the life of Joseph, concentrate on the following pivotal points:
 - The effect of his dreams on his life
 - The special treatment he received from his father as a reward of his obedience
 - His feelings when his brothers sold him as a slave
 - His relation to his God regardless of the mishaps of his life
 - His success regardless of his slavery as a sign of the blessing of the Lord God to his honesty and purity.
 - The great moment in his life when he overcame the temptation of sin
 - His gift to explain the dreams
 - From prison to be the second of Pharaoh in Egypt
 - His wisdom in running Egypt during famine time
 - The revealing of himself to his brothers
 - The meeting of Joseph and his father.
 - His reward as given two tribes in 12 tribes of Israel (Levi was not counted in the inheritance of the Land as the Lord God was their portion)

2. Concentrate on the plan of God to the life of Joseph regardless of all the tribulation and suffering.

3.Outcomes

By the end of this lesson the teens are able to:

1. Remember by heart the pivotal events in the life of Joseph
2. Analyze God's plan to the life of Joseph and comment on the suitability of this plan to the future of Joseph. Do you think that the Lord has a plan for you?
3. Interrelate between the purity of Joseph and his continuous success.

4. Verses :

Gen.39:2 , 9, 21, 23 ; 41:38- 39 ; 45:8 ; 50:20

5.References :

1. Any commentary book to Genesis
2. Contemplation on the lives of St. Jacob and St. Joseph HH. Pope Shenouda III
3. Life of Joseph F.B. Mayer