

*“And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him <sup>10</sup> and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.”*

Acts 7:9

## **Joseph and Jesus:**

Beloved Son of his father, betrayed by his brethren, placed in the ground, bought with silver, stripped of clothing, became a servant, tempted and did not sin, falsely accused, exalted to the right hand of the king

# Joseph's Many Coats of Color

## ➤ A coat of tribute

- Privilege brought hatred from his brothers (Gen. 37:4-5)
- We see the progressive nature of sin (c.f. James 1:15)
- Joseph's life was one of difficulty and injustice



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➤ A coat of tribute

➤ **A coat of temptation**

- It was a daily battle but he was faithful and wise (Gen. 39:10)
- Sometimes there must be a voluntary divestiture of something that will enable faithfulness (Gen. 39:11-12)
- There is a way of escape (c.f. 1 Cor. 10:13)

# Joseph's Many Coats of Color



- A coat of tribute
- A coat of temptation
- **A coat of tribulation**
  - The providence of God can be painful at times (Ps. 105:17-18)
  - The word of the Lord tests us (Ps. 105:19)
  - Joseph was able to see the hand of God through the sorrow (Gen. 41:50-52)

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- A coat of tribute
- A coat of temptation
- A coat of tribulation
- **A coat of triumph**
  - There must be a change of clothing when going from imprisonment to incoronation
  - What does the "iron furnace" (Deut. 4:20) produce in us?
  - Joseph's example of faith caused others to change their coats also (Gen. 37:33-34)

*“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ”*

Gal. 3:27

*“for we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God.”*

2 Cor. 5:4