

**NO FEAR
OF POVERTY**



Which Came First...

The Love of Money

OR

The Fear of Poverty?

THE FEAR OF POVERTY:

- Leads to an obsessive focus on our possessions
- Drives individuals and entire communities of faith to hoard and become corporate misers

THE FEAR OF POVERTY:

- Drives us to disobedience – we fail to tithe and reach out to the poor
- Makes an idol of our possessions
- Blocks us from risking our possessions for the sake of God's Kingdom

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus talked about money
more than He did Heaven
and Hell combined.

Jesus talked about money more
than anything else except the
Kingdom of God.

11 of 39 parables
talk about money.
1 of every 7 verses in
the Gospel of Luke
talk about money.

There is one thing that is central to His teaching on the subject: while Jesus often spoke about wealth, He never spoke about it in the sense that it was something good to become involved with.

Instead he teaches two things
concerning money:

#1 - Our dependence should
be on the LORD and His
provision for us;

#2 – Wealth is an opportunity
to help those in need.

Luke 12:15 — “Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ ”

Mark 12:43-44 — “Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, ‘I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.’ ”

Luke 6:24 — “But woe to you
who are rich, for you have
already received your
comfort.”

Matthew 25:34-40 — “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,....

Matthew 25:34-40 (cont'd)

....I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "

Mark 10:21 — “Jesus looked at him and loved him. ‘One thing you lack,’ he said. ‘Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ ”

Matthew 6:19-21 — “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Luke 14:33 — “In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.”

Joseph, Son of Jacob:

*A lesson in
fearless faith*

Genesis 37:1-28



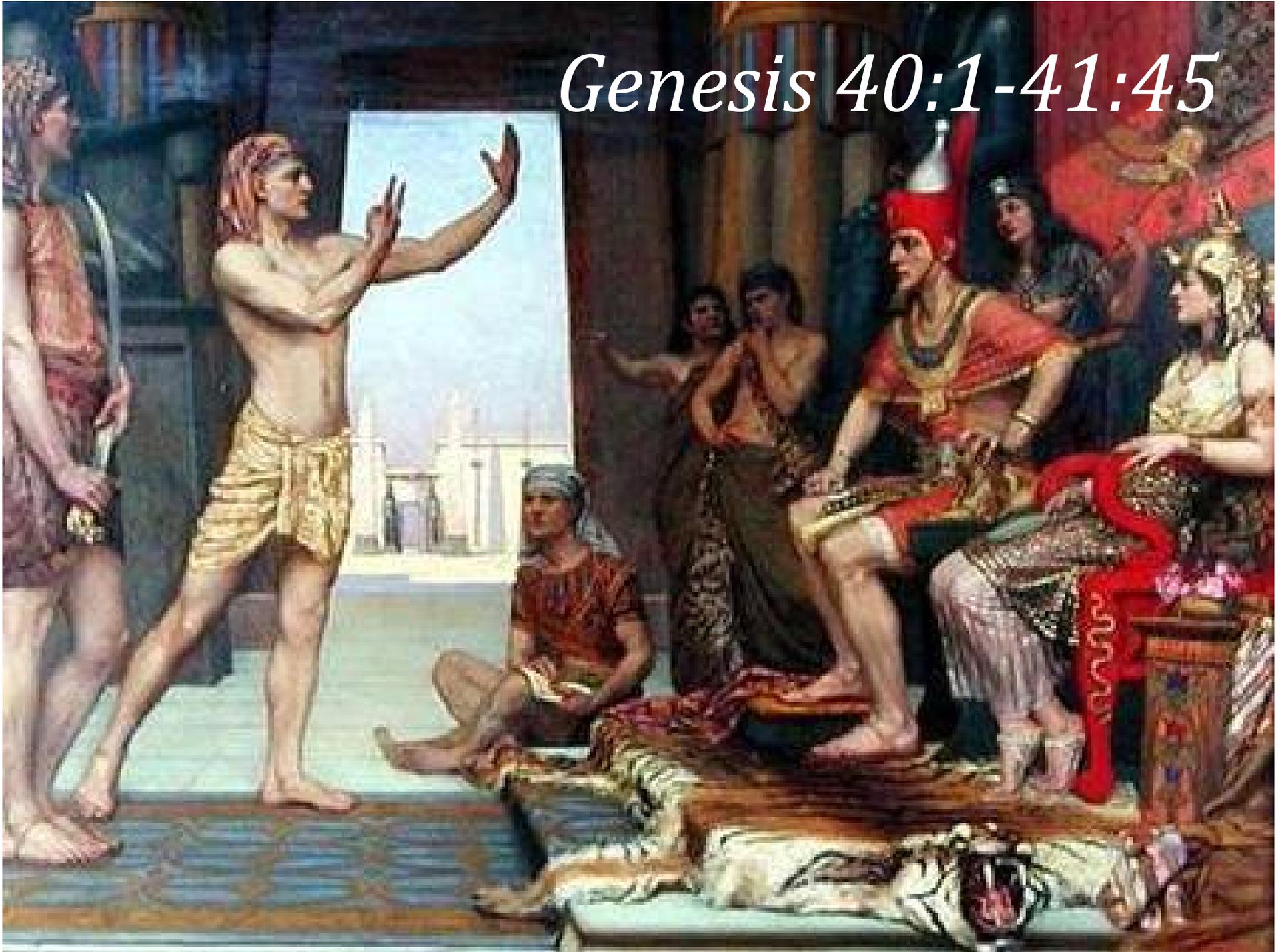
Genesis 37:29-36



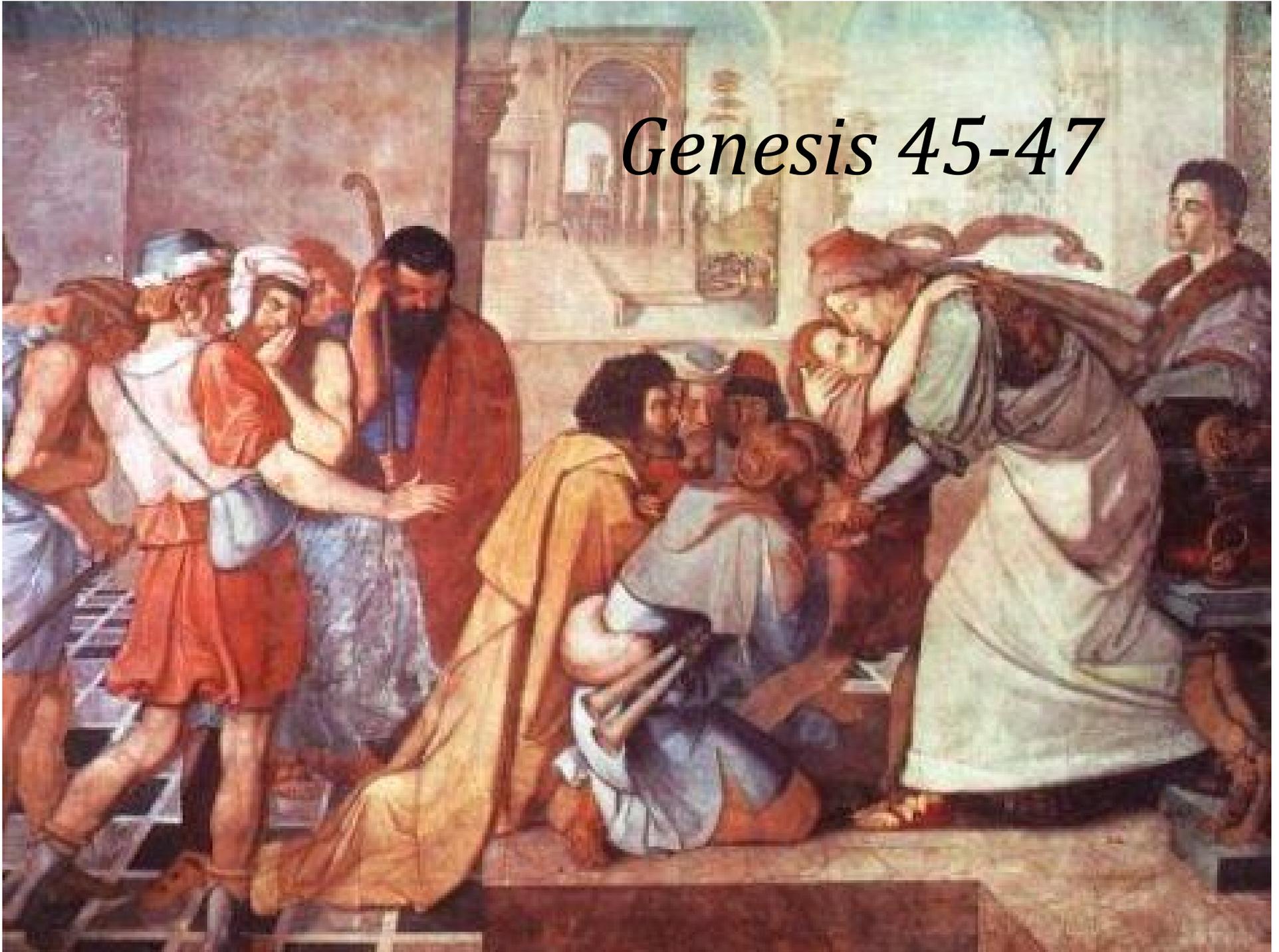
Genesis 39:6-33



Genesis 40:1-41:45



Genesis 45-47



**Faith in the
Providence,
Sacrificial Love,
and Strength of God**

**- all perfectly demonstrated
in the death and resurrection
of Jesus Christ - can sustain us
in times of poverty
and in times of prosperity.**

Faith in God's Providence:

**You intended to harm me,
but God intended it for
good to accomplish what
is now being done, the
saving of many lives.**

- Genesis 50:20

Faith in God's Sacrificial Love:

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

- II Corinthians 8:9

Faith in God's Strength:

I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

- Philippians 4:12-13

In poverty comes blessing:

**For you know the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that though
he was rich, yet for your sakes
he became poor, so that you
through his poverty might
become rich.**

- II Corinthians 8:9

True Wealth:

“Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” - Matthew 4:4

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. - John 6:35