

GOODNESS of GOD

The Providence of God (P1)

JULY 13, 2025

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online,**

Testimonies: **"What is your 'high' or 'your 'low' this past week?"**

Ask someone to do the opening prayer.

WELCOME (10 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Ice-breaker Question: Ask the group. **"If your life would be turned into a movie, what would be the title that would reflect the goodness of God?"**

WORD(30-45 MINS)

Main Text: Romans 8:28

Series Text: **"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" Psalm 34:8 NKJV**

Intro: Last Sunday, we explored the goodness of God through the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We saw how God will lovingly receive every returning sinner and fully restores us as His sons and daughters. Today, to illustrate further the Goodness of God in the lives of His people, we will find in the story of **Joseph the Dreamer**, the 11th son of Jacob how the providence of a good God is displayed.

1. The Promise of Romans 8:28

Key Truth: This promise is for those who love God and trust in Christ. This is not for everybody but only for those who love God—those who have chosen to place their faith and trust in Him through what Christ Jesus did in the cross.

Q: What does it mean to "love God" in everyday life? Have you ever doubted that God is working things for your good because you love God? Why?

Q: How does trusting this promise change the way you face challenges?

2. The Providence of God in Joseph's Life

Definition: Providence means God is actively guiding and sustaining all things for His purpose—even when we don't understand. It means God sees the big picture, provides what we need and directs everything—even things we don't understand—toward His good and loving purposes.

Q: How do you define "God's providence" in your own words?

Q: Can you think of a time when something painful later turned out for good?

Q: Why is it hard to trust God's plan when things go wrong?

3. Joseph's Early Life and Betrayal (Genesis 37:5-8, 18-20, 28)

- Favored by his father but hated and plotted to be killed by his own brothers

- Envied and betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery in Egypt

Q: How do you respond when people mistreat or misunderstand you?

Q: What can we learn from Joseph's attitude during betrayal?

Q: How does envy destroy relationships—and how can we guard against it?

4. Life in Egypt: From Slave to Prisoner (Genesis 39:1-22; 40:20-23)

Joseph remained faithful to God despite of his life setbacks. While serving in Potiphar's house, he was seduced by his wife, falsely accused and was sent in prison for a crime he did not commit. In prison, did everything right to help others but was forgotten in the end.

Q: What does faithfulness look like when life feels unfair?

Q: How do you handle being overlooked or forgotten?

Q: What helps you stay grounded in your identity when circumstances are hard?

5. Divine Opportunity: From Prison to Palace (Genesis 41:1-41)

God uses Joseph's gift to elevate him to interpret the troubling dream of Pharaoh which led to Joseph becoming second-in-command in Egypt.

Q: What gifts has God given you—and how are you using them for His glory?

Q: How does Joseph's humility and wisdom inspire you?

6. Reunion and Forgiveness (Genesis 42:1-7; 45:3-5)

Joseph eventually forgives his brothers and recognizes God's hand in his life journey. He saw the Providence of God even if his brothers sold him into slavery and ended his dreams. Yet, in the end, his brothers' very actions became the means through which God brought those dreams to fulfillment.

Q: Is there anyone you need to forgive, and trust God's bigger plan instead?

Q: Have you ever withheld forgiveness over someone? What was the effect of that action to your situation? Was there restoration?

Q: What does Joseph's story teach us about forgiveness and reconciliation?

Conclusion: When you place your full trust in the goodness of God, betrayal won't look like the end—it will become a stepping stone toward your God-given destiny. Trusting God doesn't mean we're shielded from life's hardships. We live in a broken world, and challenges will come. But our good and faithful God will work all things together for our good.

Personal Reflection:

Q: What part of Joseph's story speaks most to your current season?

Q: What would change in your life if you truly believed God is working all things for your good?

WORK(15 MINS)

Application

1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.

2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.

What is your take-away from this lesson? Closing Prayer