

The Lord was with Joseph

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Introduction: The purpose of this study is to show how the Holy Spirit operated in the lives of people in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit used men and women in the OT in order to accomplish His Will. The Holy Spirit operated in a different capacity in the OT than in the NT, however the Lord still used people in order to fulfill His will.

Holy Spirit OT Operations

- Temporary capacity
- Empowered various servants: judges, priest, prophets, kings, queens, etc.
- Holy Spirit has all power but He used men and women in a limited way.
- Holy Spirit has not been sent to live inside of men and women on a permanent basis

God's Tabernacle

- Outer courtyard
- Holy Place
- Holy of Holies
- Priest would make sacrifices for the people
- God's Presence or His Spirit would meet them there

Meeting Joseph Gen: 37:2-4

- Seventeen years old
- Supervisor over his brothers
- Favored by his father Jacob/Israel
- Dreamer/Interpreter

Two Dreams Revealed Gen: 37: 5-11

- Sheaf rose up erect and brothers' sheaves bowed down to Joseph sheaf
- Sun, Moon and stars were bowing down to Joseph
- Father and his brothers bowing down to him

Pit Problems Gen: 37:18-28

- Hated by his brothers

- Plotting to kill him
- Thrown into the pit without food or water
- Sold to the Ishmaelites

Potiphar's wife Problems Gen: 39: 1-17

- The Lord was with Joseph
- Slave or servant
- Blessed in the midst of the problems
- Master saw that the Lord was with him
- Overseer in his house
- Master's wife looked with desire at Joseph
- Joseph refused to sin (sin against God)
- Accused Joseph of rape

Prison Problems Gen: 39:20-23; 40:1-23; 41:14-37

- The Lord was with Joseph
- God gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer
- Supervisor in the prison

Palace Blessings Gen: 41: 38-49

- Divine spirit
- God informed (discernment/ wisdom)
- Command of all the people

Positioned for a purpose

- Opportunity to show the world God's spirit in you
- Opportunity to display your God given gift
- Opportunity to reflect God's glory
- Opportunity to show the love of God
- Opportunity for evangelism/discipleship
- Opportunity to help his own people

Positioned to help his family Gen 42:1-9; 44:1-34; 45:5-13

- Famine in the land
- Tragedy moved his family to Egypt
- Positioned Joseph to be a blessing
- Dream fulfilled

Purpose of God's Gift: Fourfold

- God expects you to use the gift(s)
- God expects you to use the gift to give Him glory
- God expects you to use the gift to be a witness
- God expects you to use the gift to help somebody