

All Things Work Together for Good  
(Lesson 25)

Introduction:

1. The principle revealed in Romans 8:28 is illustrated many times in the Bible.
2. For example, Genesis shows how all things worked together for good in Joseph's life.
3. In this lesson we are examining the information presented in ch.47.
  - a. Joseph introduced his family to Pharaoh.
  - b. Joseph continued his work of selling grain.
  - c. Jacob's family prospered in Egypt.
  - d. Jacob revealed his burial plans to Joseph.

Discussion:

- I. (vs.1-10) JOSEPH INTRODUCED HIS FAMILY TO PHARAOH
  - A. (vs.1) Joseph informed Pharaoh that his family had moved to Goshen.
    1. Earlier,;
      - a. (45:10) when Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, he instructed them to bring their families and their animals to Goshen
      - b. (45:17-20) after Pharaoh learned about Joseph's brothers, he told Joseph to move his family to Egypt, and they could have access to the best that Egypt had to offer
      - c. (46:28-34) Jacob and his family moved to Goshen.
    2. After Joseph's family moved to Goshen, Joseph related that information to Pharaoh.
  - B. (vs.2-4) Joseph introduced 5 of his brothers to Pharaoh.
    1. Earlier (46:33-34), Joseph had instructed his brothers to tell Pharaoh that their trade was tending animals.
    2. When Joseph introduced his brothers to Pharaoh, they told him they were shepherds.
    3. They had moved to Goshen so their animals could survive, and they wanted Pharaoh's permission to stay there.
  - C. (vs.5-6) Pharaoh allowed Joseph's family to live in Goshen.
  - D. (vs.7-10) Joseph introduced Jacob to Pharaoh.
    1. At the time, Jacob was 130 years old.
    2. He had lived a long time, but he had not lived as long as his fathers.
      - a. Abraham lived to be 175 (25:7).
      - b. Isaac lived to be 180 (35:28).
- II. (vs.11-12) JOSEPH'S FATHER, HIS BROTHERS, AND HIS BROTHERS' FAMILIES SETTLED IN EGYPT WHERE HE TOOK CARE OF THEM
- III. (vs.13-26) JOSEPH CONTINUED HIS WORK OF SELLING GRAIN
  - A. (vs.13) The effects of the famine were severe.
    1. Pharaoh had put Joseph in charge of storing up grain during the 7 years of plenty.
    2. Pharaoh had also put Joseph in charge of selling the grain during the famine.
  - B. (vs.14) In selling grain, Joseph first collected all the money that was available.
  - C. (vs.15-17) In selling grain, Joseph next collected the animals that were available.
  - D. (vs.18-21) In selling grain, Joseph finally collected the land that was available, and the people agreed to be Pharaoh's servants.
  - E. (vs.22) Joseph made an exception with the priests.
  - F. (vs.23-26) Joseph made a law that required the Egyptians to give Pharaoh a fifth of their produce.
  - G. With Joseph overseeing the collection and selling of grain, Pharaoh became a very wealthy and powerful king.
- IV. (vs.27) JACOB'S FAMILY PROSPERED IN EGYPT
- V. (vs.28-31) AFTER LIVING IN EGYPT 17 YEARS, JACOB REVEALED HIS BURIAL PLANS TO JOSEPH
  - A. Jacob did not want to be buried in Egypt -- he wanted to be buried with his fathers.
  - B. Jacob took an oath from Joseph that he would carry out his wishes.