

## Day 25 of “Through the Bible in a Year with Pastor Don and the FBC Family”

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- Genesis 40:1-41:37 – Joseph’s interpretations of the dreams.
- Hebrews 1-2 – The Eternal Sonship of Jesus Christ.
- Ecclesiastes 9:11-18 – Life’s uncertainties.

### Reflections:

1. Genesis 40:1-41:37. In this section God in His providence uses the dreams of the servants and then of Pharaoh to elevate Joseph from the misery of the prison to the splendor of the court. Because Joseph had been faithful to the little things in prison, God promotes him to be ruler over all of the land under Pharaoh. We all are to do our jobs as unto the Lord, living to please the Lord in all that we do—this is the daily Christian life: **Colossians 3:22** *Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.*<sup>23</sup> *Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men*
2. Hebrews 1-2. This first chapter is one of the most beautiful descriptions of the effulgence or excellences of the Eternal Son of God. As you read through this chapter, reflect on what we covered in our last Bible class about the eternal sonship of Jesus Christ. Recall that the sonship of Christ is not about the incarnation. He truly is the *eternal* Son of God. Eternal generation or an eternal coming forth from the Father is the biblical and orthodox position. It is the only position that fits all of the data of Scripture. This is very difficult to grasp because we are dealing with the inner workings of the Trinity, which is on another order of being altogether. It is important to remember that all language like Father, Son, Holy Spirit, generation, procession, and spiration is analogous. Moreover, most do not have trouble thinking of God the Father as an eternal Father. Well, what is He the Father of but the Son? On “generation,” since all agree that the Son is eternal, I think language of “coming forth” is less confusing than “generation,” which has within it connotations of a beginning in time. As far as eternity, it was not that long ago (before discovery of Big Bang) when scientists used to speak of the raw matter of the universe always existing and “eternally coming forth.” Of course, this is impossible in materialism, but not in the eternal supernatural nature of God. For an excellent article on the eternal generation of the Son, see <http://www.gotquestions.org/eternal-generation.html>.
3. Ecclesiastes 9:11-18. Solomon provides a collection of proverbs, anecdotes, and observations that all center on a common theme: the impulsive nature of political power. He is presenting all of this, not from a theological perspective, but from a human perspective. He notes that the political world is one of uncertainty and flux for both the fools and wise. He says that that merit is not always rewarded and the world can be unfair. He notes that wisdom, skill, and hard work may promote success, but they cannot guarantee success. I would add that this only heightens the need for the Christ-centered life noted above in Colossians 3:22-23.

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