

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:21-23

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As soon as Joseph was imprisoned, the wife of Potiphar would've thought that Joseph might have regretted for not submitting to her. Potiphar would've considered him as a betrayer of trust. The devil would've thought that he might question God saying, 'Is this my reward for living a holy life?' and then leave God. Howbeit Joseph praised God in this situation even the more. God was with Joseph and was gracious towards him. Joseph found favor in the eyes of the prison-in-charge. Since God was with Joseph, everything that he touched prospered. The prison authorities considered his success and promoted him to be the prison-in-charge.

Question:

How can we still praise God when being punished though we are not guilty? Is it not frustrating?

Answer:

Once when a friend of mine was travelling from Chennai to London, his trip was delayed for a day because of the mistake of an airport official. My friend immediately went to the airport authorities to file a complaint. He was very much frustrated about what had happened. The airport authority made my friend's trip free of cost and also gave him another ticket as a complement. The next time when my friend experienced the same thing, he was not frustrated, rather he peacefully went to meet the authorities. Similarly, since Joseph had extensively experienced the grace of God, in times of trouble and pain the love and hope he had towards God enabled him to praise. That praise filled him with the presence of God and made him victorious.

"I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies". Psalms 18:3

Prayer

Dear father, even at times of temptations You are with us. We will face anything that comes against with the peace that You give. Amen