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## **“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”**

Genesis 37:1-11

### **Introduction**

- A. “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” by William Cowper
  - B. “I am, indeed, in prison now in body, but my mind is free to study Christ, and how unto me He is kind” (John Bunyan).
  - C. “I must not think it strange if God takes in youth those whom I would have kept on earth until they were older. God is peopling Eternity, and I must not restrict Him to old men and women” Jim Elliot
  - D. Genesis—The Big Picture
    - Genesis 1-11 (Creation, the Fall, Noah and his sons)
    - Genesis 12-22 (Abraham)
    - Genesis 23-36 (Isaac and Jacob)
    - Genesis 37-50 (Joseph)
  - E. “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).
- I. Jacob Nurtures Joseph’s Rejection (37:1-4)
- A. Toledot (the generations of Jacob)
  - B. Joseph Brings a Bad (Evil) Report against His Brothers (37:2)
  - C. Jacob Shows Favoritism toward Joseph (37:3-4)
- II. God Seals Joseph’s Rejection (37:5-11)
- A. Joseph Has a Harvest Dream (37:5-8)
  - B. Joseph Has a Celestial Dream (37:9-11)
  - C. “And the doubling of Pharaoh’s dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about” Gen 41:32).
  - D. “God the good Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom, upholds, directs, disposes and governs all creatures and things, from the greatest to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, to the end for which they were created” (Second London Baptist Confession, 1689).
  - E. MEMORY VERSE:
    - “Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases” (Psalm 115:3).

### **Conclusion**

- A. The Gospel Definition