

Reading: Genesis Chapters 39-45

In our last lesson Joseph was sold to Potiphar and because Joseph worked very hard he became Potiphar's chief servant, trusted him implicitly and Joseph was free to come and go as he pleased.

Now Potiphar's wife was not a good woman and she told lies about Joseph which her husband believed, and Joseph was cast into prison where the King's prisoners were put. Even though Joseph was in prison he still kept his trust in God and this helped him while in prison, and before long he was in favour with the keeper of the prison and he put all the other prisoners under Joseph's charge. It always pays to do our best wherever we are.

The King of Egypt's Butler and Baker had offended him, so he put them in prison and while they were there they both had a dream and when they woke up the next morning they were both miserable and unhappy because of their strange dreams. Joseph saw that they were both unhappy so he asked them why they were so sad, and they answered that they had a dream, but could not understand it, so they told Joseph the dream and Joseph explained what the dream meant.

One day Joseph was fetched from the prison, washed and shaved and was given raiment suitable for him to appear before such a great King as the Pharaoh. When he came unto Pharaoh, Pharaoh told Joseph that he had had a dream and could not understand it and asked if Joseph could explain it to him because he had heard that Joseph could interpret dreams but Joseph told the King that it was not he who can tell the meaning of dreams, but his God. So after Joseph had explained the King's dream he gave Joseph fine clothes to wear and a gold chain round his neck and the King's own ring on his finger and rode on a chariot through the people and everyone shouting "Bow the knee". Because Joseph interpreted the dream which was about the famine. He put Joseph in charge of getting ready for the famine. So Joseph built store buildings to store corn and grain for food.

The famine was very wide spread throughout Egypt and Canaan. Now Jacob and his sons lived in Canaan, so Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to get some food from these store buildings that he had heard about. Joseph recognised his brothers but did not reveal himself until the second journey, so they returned to Jacob with lots of food and the good news about Joseph. So did Joseph's dream come true? It did in deed.

Point to remember: God really does care for those who trust in Him.