

Monday 4/15

Related Verses

Gen. 37:7-8

7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field, when suddenly my sheaf rose up and remained standing; and then your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.

8 And his brothers said to him, Will you indeed reign over us and actually be a ruler among us? So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Heb. 6:1

1 Therefore leaving the word of the beginning of Christ, let us be brought on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith in God,

Phil. 3:14-15

14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you.

Phil. 2:15

15 That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,

Rom. 5:17

17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

2 Tim. 2:12a

12a If we endure, we will also reign with Him;

Rev. 5:10

10 And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.

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When Jacob was matured, his name was changed. Not only was his disposition transformed, but his name was changed from Jacob, a supplanter, to Israel, a matured prince of God, one who could reign for God.

The reigning aspect of...the matured Israel [is] portrayed in the biography of Joseph. Because Joseph represents an aspect of Jacob, we should not consider Joseph a person separate from Jacob. This is the reason the last fourteen chapters of Genesis combine the record of Joseph's life with the record of Jacob's.

As a type of Christ, Joseph signifies the reigning aspect of a matured saint, the mature Israel. Certainly the reigning aspect of such a person must be perfect. None of us, of course, is perfect. However, in our reigning aspect we are perfect. Whenever we are reigning in the spirit, we are perfect. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1406-1408)

A matured saint who has passed through the experiences represented by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...has an aspect that is constituted solely of Christ. Because this aspect of him is the constitution of Christ, it is perfect.

Joseph represents this constituted aspect of a matured saint. In each of us there is a part that is constituted of Christ. Even if you have just been regenerated, a part of you, your regenerated spirit, has been constituted of Christ. This is the beginning of Christ's constitution in you. The process of being constituted of Christ will continue until it reaches its climax when the reigning aspect comes forth in you. When you are fully matured, you will have this top portion, this top aspect. Joseph represents the constitution of Christ in Jacob's mature life. This aspect, Christ constituted in the matured saints, is perfect. Hence, it perfectly typifies Christ.

Although God's people are positioned in heaven as the sun, the moon, and the stars, they are living on earth as sheaves (Phil. 3:20; 2:15), for sheaves grow in the field. Today we are the heavenly people living on earth.

We are God's people...If you say that the brothers and sisters are so bad, it means that you are extremely shortsighted. But if you use the divine telescope to see through time, you will behold the New Jerusalem where there is nothing but sheaves and stars. In the New Jerusalem there are no "gophers" or "scorpions." There, everything is full of life and light...Only God could have caused Joseph to have these dreams.

The mature life has a reigning aspect. The more mature in life you become, the less you will speak negatively concerning the saints or the church...In God's eyes the believers are all sheaves. They are also the sun, the moon, and the stars.

After seeing such a vision, I have nevertheless said at times, "Yes, I have seen that the church is wonderful. But actually it is not so." In saying this, the "tail" was exposed. Even this "tail" caused me to suffer death. Eventually, I was completely subdued and convinced, and I said, "Lord, I forget my short sight and use the divine telescope. The church is excellent, marvelous, and wonderful. There is nothing wrong with the church. It is perfect and complete." When I speak like this, I am full of life and I enjoy life. To me, every brother and sister is wonderful, and I love them all, including the backsliders. The more I speak this way about the brothers and sisters, the more I am full of life. I believe many of us have experienced this. We are not the ones to judge. God is the Judge. And He is not judging the saints; He is working on them to transform the "scorpions" into sheaves and the "gophers" into stars. Eventually, we all shall be sheaves and stars. May we all have this eternal view. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1409-1410, 1418-1420)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg. 110

Tuesday 4/16

Related Verses

Matt. 5:21-22

21 You have heard that it was said to the ancients, "You shall not murder, and whoever murders shall be liable to the judgment."

22 But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, Raca, shall be liable to the judgment of the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, Moreh, shall be liable to the Gehenna of fire.

Gen. 39:21

21 Jehovah was with Joseph; and He extended kindness to him and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

Acts 26:19

19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Isa. 50:4-5

4 The Lord Jehovah has given me The tongue of the instructed, That I should know how to sustain the weary with a word. He awakens me morning by morning; He awakens my ear To hear as an instructed one.

5 The Lord Jehovah has opened my ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn back.

Eph. 1:17

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph. 3:3a

3a That by revelation the mystery was made known to me,

Acts 16:9-10

9 And a vision appeared to Paul during the night: A certain man, a Macedonian, was standing and entreating him and saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us.

10 And when he had seen the vision, we immediately endeavored to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to announce the gospel to them.

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Joseph behaved so excellently and marvelously because he was directed by the vision he saw in his dreams...The young man Joseph [was] influenced by the heavenly vision, the vision that he was a sheaf rising up full of life and that he was a star worshipped by all the other stars!...The vision of his two dreams controlled his life and directed his behavior. He behaved as the sheaf standing up and full of life, and he conducted himself like a heavenly star shining in the darkness. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1424-1425)

Just as we all have anger, we also have lust. If you have no lust, then you must be a bench or a stone. Every human being has lust. The way to control our lust is to be subdued, controlled, and directed by the vision...The people perish when they do not have a vision. Because we have seen the vision, it is very difficult for us to indulge in lust...Here in the church life we have the vision of the sheaf and the vision of the star.

Joseph's life under the heavenly vision was the life of the kingdom of the heavens described in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. According to the constitution of the heavenly kingdom revealed in these chapters in Matthew, our anger must be subdued and our lust conquered (Matt. 5:21-32). If we claim to be the kingdom people, yet we cannot subdue our anger or conquer our lust, we are finished. Instead of being in the kingdom, we are on the seashore. We are those giving vent to our anger and indulging in lust. But all the kingdom people subdue their anger and conquer their lust. This is the kingdom life.

In the kingdom life today, kings are being trained. We, the kingdom people in the kingdom life, are being trained to be kings, to be Josephs, to be the reigning aspect of the mature life. For this, we must subdue our anger and conquer our lust. What a wonderful picture Joseph's life is of our experience today!...Instead of agreeing with our anger or cooperating with our lust, we reject our anger and condemn our lust, because we are the reigning aspect of the mature life. We have the constitution of Christ within us, and we are being prepared to reign as kings.

A life such as Joseph's always has the presence of the Lord (Gen. 39:2-5, 21-23). Wherever the presence of the Lord is, there is authority. If you have the presence of the Lord, the authority of the Lord will be with you. For example, in captivity Daniel had the Lord's presence; therefore, the Lord's authority was with him...In the case of Joseph, Potiphar, an officer in Pharaoh's palace, was in control of things. Eventually, however, Potiphar was under Joseph's control because Joseph had the Lord's presence...Although there was a ruler over the prison, eventually this ruler was not the actual ruler. Instead, Joseph, a prisoner who had the presence of God, became the ruler. Both in Potiphar's house and in the prison Joseph became king.

Wherever the constitution of Christ goes with the presence of God, there will be the reigning part. In the coming kingdom it will be this part that will be the co-kings with Christ in the kingdom of the heavens. Thus, the reigning aspect of the mature life is a life that always enjoys the presence of the Lord. The authority in this universe is the Lord Himself. Wherever His presence is, there is authority, the ruling power. As long as we have

the Lord's presence, we have authority, even if we are in prison. Although we may be prisoners, we shall eventually become rulers. We shall rule wherever we are. This indicates that we are the reigning aspect of the mature life. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1428-1429)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg. 111

Wednesday 4/17

Related Verses**Gen. 40:8**

8 And they said to him, We have had a dream, and there is no one to interpret it. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell it to me.

Gen. 41:16

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not of me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.

Acts 26:16

16 But rise up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me and of the things in which I will appear to you;

Eph. 3:7, 10

7 Of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God which was given to me according to the operation of His power.

10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

2 Cor. 2:14-16

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ and manifests the savor of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.

15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God in those who are being saved and in those who are perishing:

16 To some a savor out of death unto death, and to the others a savor out of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

James 1:12

12 Blessed is the man who endures trial, because when he has become approved by testing, he will receive the crown of life, which He promised to those who love Him.

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During his imprisonment...Joseph was joined in his confinement by the chief cupbearer and the baker...They could not understand their dreams, but Joseph was able to interpret them. Although Joseph's dreams had not yet been fulfilled, he had the faith and the boldness to interpret the dreams of his companions [Gen. 40:8-19]. If I had been Joseph, I would have said, "I interpreted my own dreams, but these interpretations have not been fulfilled...Even if I did know the meaning of their dreams, I would not have the assurance to tell them, because I don't know that my interpretations will be fulfilled." However, although Joseph's interpretation of his own dreams had not been fulfilled, he still had the boldness to say to his companions, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell it to me" (40:8). Joseph seemed to be saying, "I had two dreams, and God gave me the interpretation of them. I still believe in these interpretations, although they have not yet been fulfilled. I have the faith to interpret your dreams for you." (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1437-1438)

We should speak more according to the vision than according to the fulfillment of the vision. Even if our vision has not been fulfilled, we should still speak of it to others. The time will come when our vision will be fulfilled. Joseph's dreams were eventually fulfilled through his interpretation of the dream of the cupbearer.

It was just a matter of days before the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker were fulfilled. When the dreams of Joseph's companions were fulfilled, Joseph was confirmed and strengthened.

Joseph's speaking not only released him from prison, but also ushered him to the throne. Joseph spoke himself to the throne. He was given authority directly through his interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams (Gen. 41:25-44). If I had been the one interpreting dreams for Pharaoh, I would have been very cautious, fearing that Pharaoh would ask me about my own dreams...Joseph, however, was bold to speak, to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, and through his speaking he was given authority...The more you say that you are not qualified and that you are in the

dungeon, the longer you will remain in the dungeon. But the more you speak, the more released you will be.

Speaking is what gave Joseph his authority. His speaking not only put him on the throne, but it secured for him authority over all the land. The more you speak, the more authority you will have. Release and authority both come through speaking.

Wherever you are, you will bring either life or death. To the cupbearer, Joseph brought life. In the cupbearer's dream we see a vine full of life. But to the baker, Joseph brought death, because the baker was devoured by birds. It is not an insignificant matter to be a Joseph, for wherever you go, people will either receive life or suffer death. Either they will go to Christ, typified by the vine full of life, or they will be devoured by Satan, represented by the birds of the air.

When some read Genesis 40, they may...ask the Lord why He kept Joseph in prison for such a long time.

If you seek the Lord, the Lord will put you into a dungeon. Perhaps all who are around you—your wife, your children, the elders, and the brothers and sisters—intend to respect you; however, whatever they do only serves to put you into a dungeon. We have nothing to say about this. Without the dungeon, we cannot ascend to the throne. Do not be a dungeon dropout; stay in the dungeon until you graduate and receive the crown. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1439, 1461-1462, 1442, 1457-1458)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msgs. 112, 114; *CWWN*, vol. 57, ch. 12

Thursday 4/18

Related Verses

Gen. 49:22

22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a fountain; His branches run over the wall.

Gen. 41:42

42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck.

John 15:1, 5

1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

1 Cor. 1:30

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Psa. 36:9

9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

Phil. 1:20-21a

20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

21a For to me, to live is Christ

Related Reading

Joseph as a fruitful bough typifies Christ as the branch (Isa. 11:1) for the branching out of God through His believers as His branches (John 15:1, 5). In Genesis 49:22 the fountain signifies God, the source of fruitfulness (Psa. 36:9; Jer. 2:13), and the branches' running over the wall signifies that Christ's believers as His branches spread Christ over every restriction, magnifying Him in all circumstances (Phil. 1:20; 4:22; Philem. 10). (Gen. 49:22, footnote 1)

In his receiving glory and gifts in his enthronement, Joseph typifies Christ, who received glory (Heb. 2:9) and gifts (Psa. 68:18; Acts 2:33) in His ascension. The ring, the garments, and the gold chain portray the gifts that Christ received in His ascension to the heavens, which gifts He has passed on to the church. The signet ring signifies the Holy Spirit as a seal within and upon Christ's believers (Acts 2:33; Eph. 1:13; 4:30; cf. Luke 15:22). The garments signify Christ as our objective righteousness for our justification before God (1 Cor. 1:30; cf. Psa. 45:9, 13; Luke 15:22) and as our subjective righteousness lived out of us that we may be qualified to participate in the marriage of the Lamb (Psa. 45:14 and footnote 1; Rev. 19:7-9 and footnote 82). The golden chain signifies the beauty of the Holy Spirit given for obedience expressed in submission (cf. Acts 5:32). (Gen. 41:42, footnote 1)

According to the sequence of spiritual experience, we first receive the sealing Spirit for salvation; then we receive the garment of righteousness and begin to live Christ (Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21a). In order for us to live Christ, our neck must be chained, our will must be subdued, by the Holy Spirit. (Gen. 41:42, footnote 1)

When the children of Israel were disobedient, the Lord referred to them as a stiff-necked people (Exo. 32:9)...The chained neck signifies a will that has been conquered and subdued to obey God's commandment...When your neck has been conquered and subdued in this way, it is chained...Acts 5:32 says that the Spirit is given to those who obey God. Hence, the Spirit is given not only as a gift for salvation, but also for obedience.

In Genesis 41:45 we see that Joseph took as his wife Asenath, the daughter of Potipherah, priest of On. Joseph's wife was a heathen, an Egyptian. Joseph took her during the time he was rejected by his brothers. This also is a type portraying how Christ has taken the Gentiles as His wife during the time of His rejection by the Israelites. As He was staying with the Gentiles, He obtained a wife from among them.

Asenath portrays the church taken out of the Gentile world by Christ during His rejection by the children of Israel. During the time of this rejection, Christ came to the Gentile world, stayed there, and received the church out of the Gentile world.

Of his wife, Asenath, Joseph begot two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. The name Manasseh means, "making to forget." When Manasseh was born, Joseph said, "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's house" (41:51). This indicates that with the birth of Manasseh Joseph forgot all his afflictions...This reveals that when the church is productive, Christ will declare that He has forgotten His afflictions.

The name of Joseph's second son was Ephraim, which means "Fruitful" (41:52). When Ephraim was born, Joseph said, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction..."When we preach the gospel and produce fruit, Christ will be happy and declare, "There is

no more affliction. But look at all the fruit!" (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1450-1451, 1453-1454)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg. 113

Friday 4/19

Related Verses

Rom. 5:17, 21

17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

John 5:19

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing from Himself except what He sees the Father doing, for whatever that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 7:16

16 Jesus therefore answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

Matt. 8:9-10

9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does it.

10 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who followed, Truly I say to you, With no one in Israel have I found such great faith.

Matt. 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Rom. 12:10

10 Love one another warmly in brotherly love; take the lead in showing honor one to another.

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Joseph must have been very happy to see the fulfillment of his dreams. Genesis 42 reveals that his brothers came to him and bowed down to him. Joseph was seventeen years old when he had his dreams. At the age of thirty he was exalted to rule over the land of Egypt. About nine years later Joseph's brothers bowed themselves down to him. This means that Joseph would have been probably thirty-nine years of age when his brothers came to him. Thus, about twenty-two years after his dreams, Joseph saw them fulfilled, but not until he had been betrayed and imprisoned. Then he spent many years in the dungeon and eventually was elevated to the throne at the time of his exaltation. But still Joseph did not see the fulfillment of his dreams...Joseph had to pass through a long period of testing. It may seem to us that his patience would have been exhausted. Could you have waited twenty-two years for the fulfillment of your dreams? Joseph did.

Then on a certain day his brothers came and bowed down to him. If we had been Joseph, we would not have been able to contain our excitement...Joseph, however, was not out of control when he saw the fulfillment of his dreams. Rather, he was calm and his excitement was under control. He was able to control himself in such a way because he was a person with the rulership of the Spirit. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1477-1478)

The life manifested in the story of Joseph is not the human life, much less the fallen life. Moreover, it is not even the good natural life. Rather, it is the resurrection life, the life of God. Although Joseph was in an exciting situation, he did not display any looseness. This is life. With Joseph we see not only life but also the way of life, which is to keep ourselves under control...He was full of human feelings and sentiments, but he kept himself with all his feelings under the rulership of the Spirit. Therefore, in Joseph we see not only the mature life but a reigning life and the way of this reigning life. We all, especially the young people, need such a life and such a way that is the reigning aspect of a mature person. This life is not easily excited...Instead, in the midst of excitement it remains calm, controls itself, and conceals its glory.

Joseph was a person wholly under God’s restriction. Therefore, the kingdom of God could be brought in through him. In order for the kingdom to be realized in a practical way, there had to be a person who lived under restriction and who denied himself...Joseph had the position and the power to do whatever he desired. However, he did not do anything for himself...The strongest thing is to be able not to do something that you can do. You have the power, the position, and the opportunity to do a certain thing, yet you still do not do it...After Joseph was enthroned, he did nothing to rescue himself from being alone, even though he had been separated from his father for thirteen years. When the brothers first came down to him, he still did not do anything...This indicates that he was the most powerful person, one who has the strength not to do what he is able to do. Joseph was such a person because he was under God’s hand, under God’s restriction.

During the first nine years of his rule in Egypt, Joseph must have contacted the Lord again and again...Even when the time was right for his father to come to him in Egypt, Joseph did not go out to meet him on the way. I believe that this was the result of his being under the Lord’s restriction. Joseph knew that there was no need for him to do anything to fulfill his dreams. This is the real denial of the self and the genuine bearing of the cross. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1479, 1519-1521)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msgs. 115-119

Saturday 4/20

Related Verses

Gen. 50:20

20 Even though you intended evil against me, God intended it for good, to do as it is this day, to preserve alive a numerous people.

Rom. 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Rev. 3:18

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

Rev. 21:5

5 And He who sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said, Write, for these words are faithful and true.

Prov. 4:18

18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

Heb. 11:21

21 By faith Jacob, while he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph and worshipped God, while leaning on the top of his staff.

Rom. 12:1-2

1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

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If we realize that we are here for the Lord’s purpose, for the Lord’s recovery, then we shall know that whatever happens to us is for God’s purpose [Rom. 8:28]...Joseph loved God; therefore, whatever happened to him was for good. To be unwilling to forgive those who have offended you indicates that you are shortsighted. But if you see into the depth of what God has done, you will never seek revenge. Instead, you will always be willing to forgive those who have offended you. You will say, “Praise the Lord! Whatever happened to me was for good, not only for me, but for God’s people. Whatever happens to me works good for the kingdom of God.” (*Life-study of Genesis*, p. 1515)

Joseph also supported his brothers and comforted them (Gen. 50:15-21). Joseph’s brothers could not forget what they had done to him, and they were afraid that after their father’s death Joseph would do something to get revenge. Joseph wept when he heard his brothers’ request, for he had no thought of rendering evil to them. Rather, he said, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? Even though you intended evil against me, God intended it for good, to do as it is this day, to preserve alive a numerous people” (50:19-20). Joseph also promised to support them and their little ones. Then he comforted them and spoke kindly to them (50:21). Joseph seemed to be saying to his brothers, “Your intention was evil, but God’s intention was marvelous. He intended to send me here to save many lives. Please do not be bothered. I thank you for what you did to me. You helped God to fulfill His purpose.” In the church life we need this kind of spirit. Even if others offend you, you need to consider that whatever they do to you is of God. If you take everything as of God, all the offenses will be over.

Joseph comforted those who had offended him. What grace he had! Because the offended one could comfort the offending ones, they could enjoy a pleasant life in the kingdom. Remember, Joseph and his brothers represented the people in the kingdom. Because of Joseph’s excellent spirit, they could enjoy a good time together in the kingdom. But suppose Joseph wanted to render evil to his brothers. If such had been the case, the kingdom would have been an impossibility.

By making the last payment, the payment of themselves, to Joseph, the people partook of the top portion. When you pay the first, second, and third price, you enjoy the first, second, and third portion. But when you pay the highest price, you enjoy the best portion. Eventually, we receive not only food for satisfaction, but also seed for reproduction. In order to get the food and the seed, we need to pay the full price. Before handing over ourselves, we must hand over everything else. After they gave everything to Joseph, the people could say, “Praise the Lord, we are released! We don’t care for our money, cattle, land, or even ourselves. We just enjoy the rich supply.” All that remained was the enjoyment. What a great blessing it is to give up everything for this enjoyment!

When the Lord Jesus comes, the whole earth will be under one landlord and one banker. All the land will belong to Christ, and we shall hand over whatever we have and whatever we are to Him. We are the enjoyers, not the lords. At that time in Egypt everything was under the hand of one lord. Joseph moved the people to cities “from one end of the border of Egypt even to the other end” (47:21) in order to have an even distribution. There were no rich and no poor. It is the same today regarding the spiritual supply. Christ has the riches. The amount of these riches that He is able to supply us depends on what we are willing to pay. (*Life-study of Genesis*, pp. 1533, 1531)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msgs. 120, 104-105, 108

Lord’s Day 4/21

Related Verses

Gen. 49:25-26

25 From the God of your father, who will help you, And from the All-sufficient One, who will bless you With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

26 The blessings of your father surpass The blessings of my ancestors To the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They will be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of the one who was separate from his brothers.

Gen. 47:7

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father and set him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

Gen. 48:15-16

15 And he blessed Joseph and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has shepherded me all my life to this day,

16 The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; And may my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And may they be a teeming multitude in the midst of the earth.

1 Thes. 5:16-18

16 Always rejoice,

17 Unceasingly pray,

18 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Further Reading:

Further Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg. 110

Hymn: #943

1 Requirements of the Kingdom are
 Much stricter than the law’s decrees;
 No other requisite of God
 Has ever higher been than these.

2 “Repent, the Kingdom has come near,”
 This is the Kingdom’s first demand;
 A change of mind we all must have
 And on God’s side must firmly stand.

3 That we the Kingdom enter in,
 Surpassing righteousness we need,
 Exceeding that which is of law;
 From life alone it must proceed.

4 That we the Kingdom enter in,
 We need to do the Father’s will,
 Not by our choice to work or act
 But His one purpose to fulfill.

5 That we the Kingdom enter in,
 A simple child we must become—
 Adjustable, obedient, meek—
 And everything of self o’ercome.

6 The Heav’nly Kingdom e’en requires
 That we as God should perfect be;
 This standard we must fully meet
 That we may share its ecstasy.

7 The Kingdom is the reign of God;
 To match His nature is required;
 ’Tis only by the life of God
 The Kingdom’s entry is acquired.

8 The Kingdom is the rule of heav’n;
 With heaven’s state we must accord;
 ’Tis only by the life of heav’n
 That we may share it with the Lord.

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Hebrews

Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Heb. 3:13-19

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews*, msgs. 14-15

Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Satan-destroying Death

Scripture: Heb. 2:14-15

Assigned Reading: *Christ and the Cross*, ch. 13

Supplemental Reading: *The Move of God in Man*, chs. 1-2

Questions:

1. What are two results of the death of Christ in Heb. 2:14-15?

2. What is the significance of the clause, "...through death...He might destroy him who has the might of death?"

3. According to Scripture, which negative items were dealt with through the death of Christ on the cross?

4. How might the fear of death hold a person in slavery through all his life and how does the death of Christ release such a person?