

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 41 25-36



The king sent and released him;
the ruler of peoples set him free.
Psalm 105:20

Praising:

He sent his Son with power to
save
from guilt, and darkness, and the
grave:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

Reading:

Genesis 41:25-36
Joseph reads Pharaoh's dream

There is a strong, calm authority
about how Joseph speaks to
Pharaoh. This is the first
unmistakable sign that the Spirit
of God is speaking through
Joseph. Not only that, but Joseph
sees the unity of meaning in both
dreams. Another indicator that
the Spirit is at work is when
coherence and wisdom come to
replace disarray and uncertainty.
God is revealing the future and
he is revealing it in terms that are

personal and specific to Pharaoh
in his role as royal ruler and
kingly carer. Seven years of
prosperity are to be followed by
seven years of poverty. Pharaoh
must make the appropriate
preparations and find someone to
oversee the project. Like so many
of life's spiritual mysteries, when
everything finally falls into place
under God, it all seems so simple
and so obvious.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord, when we struggle to make
sense of life's complexities

- may we listen for your
authority that brings clarity out
of confusion
- may we look for your peace
that brings purpose out of
perplexity
- may we long for your simplicity
that brings trust out of turmoil

Father: again and again you
show me the folly of failing to
trust in your sovereignty and
love. When the next challenge
comes along, may I have the wit
to leave it all to you. Amen

Doing: