

# Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 41 46-57



Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; make music in praise of the Lord;  
He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.  
Psalm 68:32-33

## **Praising:**

Thanks be to God for its bounty  
and beauty,  
life that sustains us in body and  
mind:  
plenty for all, if we learn how to  
share it,  
riches undreamed of to fathom  
and find.

## **Reading:**

Genesis 41:46-57  
Plenty and Poverty

It's thirteen years since the  
dreams which first set Joseph off  
on his roller-coaster spiritual  
adventure. The Hebrew slave has  
found vindication and then  
elevation and power on a level he  
could never have imagined.  
Wearing Pharaoh's signet ring,  
getting married and taking charge  
of Egypt's land management may  
not have been in the small print of

God's original vision for Joseph.  
Yet central to Joseph's journey,  
lies an understanding that  
planning for the future is  
essential. It is certainly what sees  
Egypt through the famine. When  
things are going well, it is hard to  
imagine that there may come a  
time when they will not. But  
through the worst of the famine  
everywhere else, there is bread in  
Egypt. God's mercy was not  
completely extinguished and as  
Joseph had experienced that  
mercy, so he becomes an agent  
for it.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

We ask Lord that we may live  
with an eye to our spiritual future

- free us from all that would  
insist that this life is all there is  
to it
- loosen us from the priorities  
and preoccupations of the  
here and now
- lift us from concern with the  
present to longing for life for  
ever with you

Father: in these moments every  
day you remind me that there is  
more to this life than all that's  
pressing in around me – and in  
Christ you give me the power of  
eternity to deal with it. Amen

## **Doing:**