

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 46



For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.
Psalm 122:8-9

Praising:

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and
daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the
giver,
never fails from age to age?

Reading:

Genesis 46
Jacob moves to Egypt

The long list of names in the middle are incidental to the story, but they make the point that for Joseph and the family from which he was estranged there is to be a complete and wholesale reunion. Yet to the elderly Jacob all of this presents a difficulty. If the family

is to move to Egypt lock, stock and barrel, what will become of God's original undertaking to Jacob's father Isaac and Isaac's father Abraham that Canaan would be the land of promise for countless of Abraham's descendents? It is the vision and voice of God directly that clinches it for Jacob. God is in charge. He has been all along. He will accompany Jacob to Egypt and back to Canaan again when he has died. And in his final conscious moments, Joseph will be there too.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord bring us in faith to where you want us to be

- when we feel cast-down grant us confidence that you are with us and always will be
- when we feel cautious grant us courage to embrace the uncertain and unknown
- when we feel comfortable grant us curiosity to ask what you want us to do next

Father: in those moments when I feel I have come to the end of my spiritual adventuring, save me from myself. For in your love, guidance and direction there is always more to come. Amen

Doing:

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