

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 40 1-11



Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.
Psalm 31:9

Praising:

Other refuge have I none, hangs
my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah leave me not alone, still
support and comfort me;
all my trust on thee is stayed, all
my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head with
the shadow of thy wing.

Reading:

Genesis 40:1-11
Three prisoners

It's already a number of years
since Joseph first made enemies
of his brothers by telling them
what God had revealed about his
future greatness. By this stage
we've almost forgotten that
dreams and the interpretation of
them was Joseph's special gift
from God. Dreams certainly
couldn't have been high on the
list of what Joseph was thinking

about as he languished in
Potiphar's prison. Yet just when
Joseph least expected it, along
come the cupbearer and the
baker. Once again, Joseph is
singled out as the instrument God
will use to see through his plan.
The realisation must have come
for Joseph not only that he
remained in the care and keeping
of God, but that God remained in
charge of the timetable. All that's
happened so far has been
invaluable preparation.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord at those times when we
least expect it

- you puncture our despair and
give us new purpose and
opportunity
- you call forth from us the gifts
and abilities you gave us in
the beginning
- you let us learn the lessons of
our set-backs and
disappointments

Father: help me to bide my time,
to put all that's gone before down
to experience, and to trust that
even in the injustices and let-
downs, you will put me to your
use. Amen

Doing:

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