

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 41 1-13



'How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,
which you have laid up for those who fear you;
which you have prepared in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.'
Psalm 31:19

Praising:

O Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.

Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Reading:

Genesis 41:1-13
Pharaoh's dreams

By this stage, all else has failed for Pharaoh. None of his regular first choice Egyptian astrologers can shed any light on these two dreams and they are causing Pharaoh real perplexity and worry. It's the part played by the cupbearer that's most revealing. Because of the punishment and imprisonment he previously suffered at Pharaoh's hands, the

cupbearer approaches the king in fear and trembling.

Acknowledging his own earlier misdemeanours, the cupbearer stands before Pharaoh and simply and straightforwardly tells the story of what Joseph did for him. There is no suggestion that the cupbearer makes any pretence at eloquence, and in the end what he has to say for himself isn't that complicated anyway: he and the baker while in prison told their dreams to Joseph, and Joseph duly interpreted them, clearly and, above all, accurately.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we pray for those times when we get the opportunity to witness to others about Jesus

- give us the humility before anything else to concede our own faults and failings
- give us the sincerity to speak from the heart and from our own personal experience
- give us the clarity to share in real, concrete terms what Christ has done for us

Father: today or tomorrow my chance will come along to tell someone about the difference Christ has made in my life. Help me to take it and then to trust in your Spirit to do the rest. Amen

Doing:

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