

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 41 14-24



They shackled his feet with fetters; his neck was ringed with iron.
Until all he foretold came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.
Psalm 105:18-19

Praising:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's
night:
thine eye diffused a quickening
ray –
I woke, the dungeon flamed with
light;
my chains fell off, my heart was
free.
I rose, went forth, and followed
thee.

Reading:

Genesis 41:14-24
Joseph is brought before
Pharaoh

Pharaoh knows the truth of an
honest witness when he hears it,
and promptly sends for the
Hebrew dream reader. For
Joseph, God's time has come
and for all people of faith when

that happens, God makes us fit to
stand before a king. It's not
incidental that we read about
Joseph shaving himself and
changing his clothes before his
audience with Pharaoh. God not
only cleans Joseph up and (as
we might say) makes him
presentable, God gives Joseph
new clothes to wear. This is not
about indulging the peacock
tendencies of someone who as a
young man flaunted the fancy
coat his father had given him and
made his brothers so jealous.
Perhaps it is more to do with what
we read in the New Testament
about God clothing us in the robe
of Christ's forgiveness and
victory.

Listening:

Praying:

We thank you Lord for inviting us
into your royal presence

- for cleansing us at the cross of
Christ
- for washing us white in his
saving blood
- for clothing us for service with
his love and mercy

Father: I praise you today at the
realisation that without Jesus
there was nothing I could ever
have done to make myself good
enough to enter your royal
presence. Amen

Doing: