

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 43 1-15



He appointed him lord of his household and ruler of all he possessed,
To instruct his princes as he willed and to teach his counsellors wisdom.
Psalm 105:21-22

Praising:

Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy work and defend
thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the almighty
can do,
who with his love doth befriend
thee.

Reading:

Genesis 41:37-45
Pharaoh takes Joseph's advice

Joseph runs a serious risk of looking foolish if his interpretation of Pharaoh's dream is wrong. But it's nothing to the risk Pharaoh runs in making a Hebrew slave and accused rapist his right hand man. It was the double dream that affirmed Joseph in his certainty of what God was saying to him. Yet it is Pharaoh who

hears this word from God and does something about it. It's one thing to receive a word from God, to understand it and to see how it applies to you in your situation. There's always the temptation to wait for more proof, to look for just a little bit more confirmation before we act. What God wants, is for us to live as though it is true without hesitation – to put ourselves on the line for it there and then.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord at those times when your will for us becomes clear:

- we pray for the confidence to step out in faith and hope
- we pray for the faith to make ourselves vulnerable and exposed if that's necessary
- we pray for the trust to make personal sacrifices and to give without holding back

Father: you have provided in abundance everything I need to do your will – the ability, the time and the resources. Please supply me with one thing more: an obedient heart. Amen

Doing:

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