

## Joseph Gifting Through Service

**20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.**

Joseph's master on earth and in Heaven took him and placed him into the next phase of his training for his future calling. It will be the most unlikely place which will prove later to be the next step to the vision God showed him.

**21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.**

1... The Lord was with Joseph! It was a part of the plan despite the condition, David will say " yeah thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil" Joseph don't find evil but favor.

**22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.**

1... That clear anointing on Joseph was seen by Potiphar as well as the chief jailer. Performing well at all times will reap benefits for your future and justifies promotion.

**23 The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.**

1.... Isn't it wonderful when you are so sure of a good job being done you don't have to check up on someone. (Room) 2... Rejecting the world and embracing the ways of God is the beginning of favor showing up for you. 3... The Lord commanded the blessing upon his hands!

**40 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.**

1.... What is established at this point is his willingness to work and exhibit his managing skills despite unjust treatment and the direst conditions. Now it appears another gifting doe's manifest from his service and it will be the ability to interpret.

**2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.**

1.... Joseph now will minister to managers and those who ran their departments when working for Pharaoh.

**3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.**

1.... It is God's plan because God knows one of them will be a direct connect to where God is taking him in the future. Acknowledging the foresight and intervention of God along this dreary path is necessary to see the hand of God in our lives.

**4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.**

1.... Joseph was charged with serving them. (Federal Prison) Perhaps the final decision had not been made of their future and they had some rights of royalty of sorts. Picture- He is in prison and he is still serving.

**5 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.**

1... In these days according to the prophecy of Joel, " old men dream dreams and young men see visions" Dreams are a reminder that there is another realm superior to this real which can foretell and interpret events. Hopefully you come to the conclusion that that real is Divine and we all would serve the God of Joseph.

**6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad. 7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, wherefore look ye so sadly to day?**

1... The positive attitude of Joseph despite circumstance: the answer could be I am in prison no reason to be glad but not so. (Church?) 2... Remember Joseph served them,

and in serving them he not only dealt with the natural but the spiritual and he was concerned with their total person. 3... Joseph was also saying to them “keep the attitude you need to have to reflect where you want to go” You can't be sad in the kings presence! Nehemiah

**8 And they said unto him, we have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me them, I pray you.**

1...All interpretations belong to God, Joseph saw himself in direct connection with the God of interpretation. Tell Me 2... Despite his condition he was saying I am in good standing with God and he will speak to me concerning my service to you. 3. Please note there is no specific word we read about where God is interpreting for him his plight yet God explains and ministers to the ones given to him on their outcome.

**9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; 10 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: 11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.**

**12 And Joseph said unto him, this is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:**

1... God literally would have to impress upon him that the branches stand for days, In the dream he is fulfilling his purpose - butler - to serve

**13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. 1....**

Restoration was Gods motivation for sending Christ; that we again we would be restored back into fellowship with Him.

**14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:**

1....Joseph interprets another man's dreams that were his own heart's desire to be restored back to his place alongside Jacob as the favored son and be in his own land.

**15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.**

1...." Be grateful" ungratefulness is a sin' when we look at what God has done and what he didn't let happen, shouldn't we so enthralled with him to share the news and help the oppressed.