

Genesis 39:21-23 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

(22) And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.

(23) The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

A) I love the common denominator in the house of Potiphar with Joseph in Prison.

1. Joseph head in prison.
2. Keeper did not worry because Joseph was faithful.
3. The Lord was with Joseph.
4. Joseph prospered because the Lord made Him prosper.

B) The fact is folks it does not matter where you are at, God is able to prosper you.

Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak in regard to need, for **I have learned in whatever state I**

am, to be content: (12) I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **(13) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**

Genesis 40:1-23 It came to pass after these things that the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt. (2) And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief butler and the chief baker. (3) So he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined. (4) And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and **he served them**; so they were in custody for a while.

A) Look at the heart of Joseph. It says the Captain made Joseph charge over them, the word is Overseer. Then look at Joseph's response, he served them. The word is ministered and served.

Mark 10:43-45 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great

among you shall be your servant. (44) And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. (45) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

So many people think the leadership life is glamorous. All that power and authority and respect. While it does have those things it does not come without a cost of sacrifice, sweat, and blood. A leader is not afraid to pick up a broom, a mop, or to pick up trash. He or she is not afraid to wash the feet of people. To get into the mud. To mow lawns, cut trees, and his or her worries is not about themselves but others. They show up early and they leave late. They are first there and last to leave. Many people who want to be leaders do not know how to serve. They want the glory without the work. Last week as I drove into Church I saw Pastor Toby in the front picking up palm fronds and trash. He is a Pastor in the Church. A leader in God's Church. Over 50+ years of service and sacrifice and there he was picking up trash.

Many people drive into church and out of Church seeing trash and just drive on out.

I'm not saying this to make you pick up trash, I am just saying, that people cannot be leaders because they just don't have it in them to be servants.

Don't get me wrong there are a lot of people who serve their work, school, and family and are leaders there but when it comes to God, only some are called and have it in them to be leaders for God.

1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders **who rule well** be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

(5) Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, had a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night and each man's dream with its own interpretation. (6) And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them and saw that they were sad. (7) So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his

lord's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?"

A) Joseph always had his foot in the water. He had genuine concern.

Philippians 2:3-4 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

(4) Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

(8) And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please." (9) Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "Behold, in my dream a vine was before me, (10) and in the vine were three branches; it was as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes. (11) Then Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." (12) And Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: The three

branches are three days. (13) Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler. (14) But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. (15) For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon."

(16) When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and there were three white baskets on my head. (17) In the uppermost basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head." (18) So Joseph answered and said, "This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets are three days. (19) Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head from you and hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from you."

(20) Now it came to pass on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

(21) Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.

(22) But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. (23) Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

A) The Butler and the Baker and it's correlation between them and Christ.

The Butler who serves the wine and was restored – The wine and the Blood of Christ which restores humanity and atones for the sins of Humanity.

The baker, who makes the bread, was hung. This symbolizes the Bread and the Body of Christ, which must be sacrificed. Just as the baker was hung on a tree, so too would Christ be crucified and die for humanity, with His body serving as the ultimate sacrifice.

The three days signifies the Three days from Christ crucifixion to his resurrection.

It is also important to point that this happened on the Pharaohs Birthday.

Christ was crucified during the Passover which was considered the Birthday of Israel.

Exodus 12:2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you."

So also, in Christ. It is the new birth in Christ, new covenant, new priesthood.

We have been restored by the blood of Christ and the sacrifice.

The Messiah being the Ben-Joseph is clear.

God sent Joseph to deliver on the inside of Egypt he will send Moses to deliver from the outside of Egypt. While many looked for Bin-David they missed the fact that God would deliver first from the Inside (Spiritual) and then from the outside (The Second Advent).

