

Hope in Favor

A close-up photograph of a lit oil lamp. The flame is bright yellow and orange, with a blue base. The lamp is dark and textured, and the background is black. The light from the flame illuminates the surrounding area, creating a warm glow.

Genesis 41



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8 Now in the morning his spirit was troubled, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

9 Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I would make mention today of my *own* offenses. 10 "Pharaoh was furious with his servants, and he put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, *both* me and the chief baker. 11 "We had a dream on the



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same night, he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his *own* dream. 12 "Now a Hebrew youth *was* with us there, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard, and we related *them* to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. To each one he interpreted according to his *own* dream. 13 "And just as he interpreted for us, so it happened; he restored me in my office, but he hanged him." 14 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they hurriedly brought him out of



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the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came to Pharaoh. 15 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard it said about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." 16 Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."



Pharaoh has 2 dreams..

- Fattened cows eaten by lean
- Plump grain stalks eaten by parched
- ...with NO effect!
- Troubled Pharaoh! (10)

Joseph still in chains

- 2 more yrs. of working the dungeon
- Doing the daily chores, demands
- Listening to all the woes
- Give God today and trust Him
- God had other people to work on!

The Taster Remembers

- His dream had come true...
- Responding to Pharaoh was a risk:
 - Reminded him of his anger
 - Admission of his failures, needs
- “A Hebrew youth”

Joseph's Moment

- Out of bondage –
 - Shave and new clothes
 - “I had a dream...no one...”
- “It is not in me, God...”
 - Humility, patience, calmness



Dreams focus:

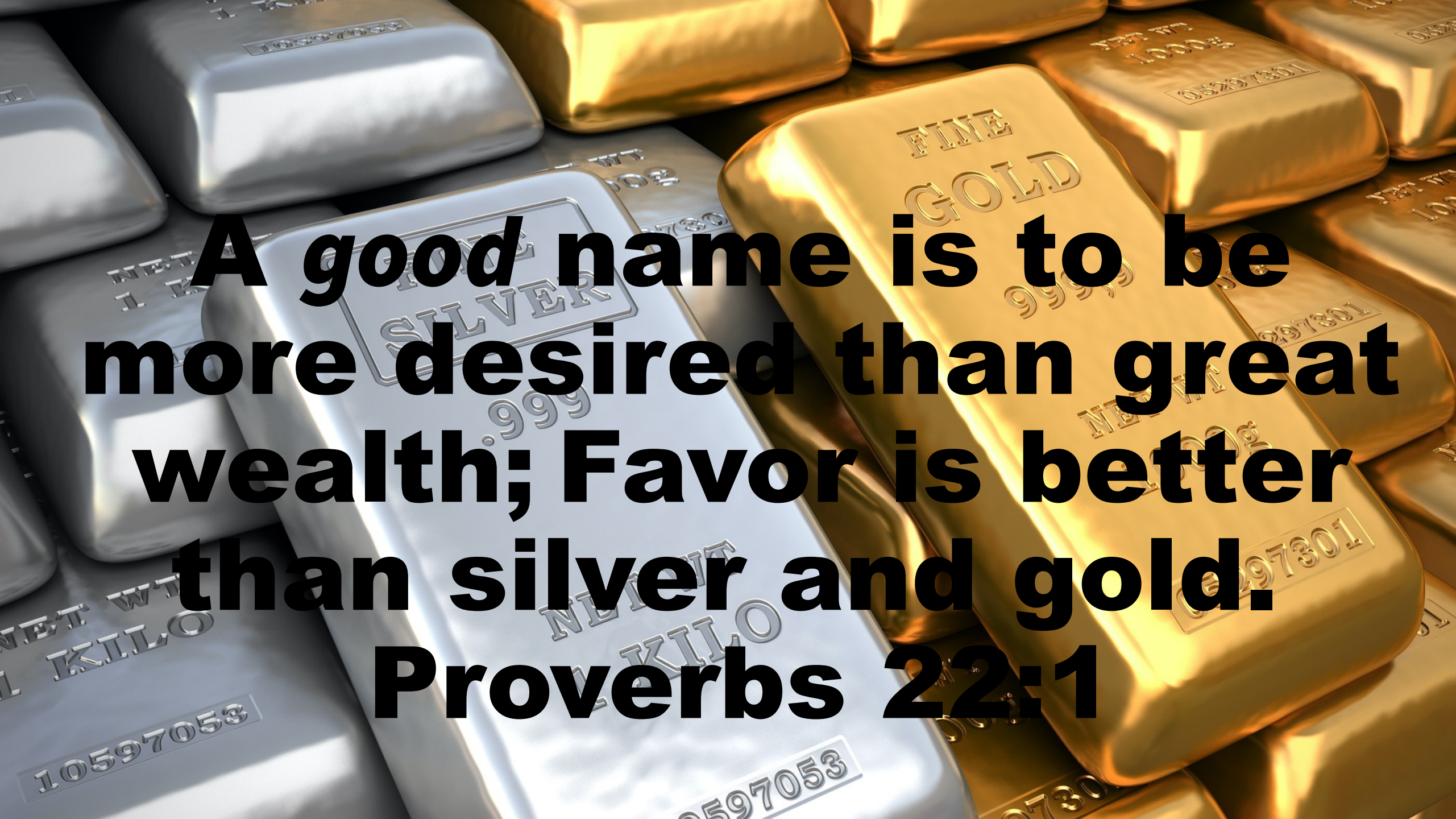
Gen 41:25 Now Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams are one *and the same*; **God has told** to Pharaoh what He is about to do. 26 "The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one *and the same*. 27 "The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven thin ears scorched by the east wind will be seven years of famine. 28 "It is as I have spoken to Pharaoh: **God has shown** to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

Joseph's Focus

- He has done his job
- All His training/learning now focuses
- “Let Pharaoh look for a man”
 - Discerning and wise
- “Let Pharaoh take action to appoint...”
- “the land will not perish”

Joseph's heart

- God had created the man
- His plan was still coming about...
- Discerning and wise, God informed!
- 30 years old and in charge, again!



**A good name is to be
more desired than great
wealth; Favor is better
than silver and gold.
Proverbs 22:1**