

Christians on Campus
Spring 2023 Worship & Ministry Series
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Song 1

1 The Lord has given freedom
To all who just believe Him.
Be no longer enslaved.
Come now! Return to Jesus.
Receive the Life that frees us!
Call on Him and be saved.

This is the year of jubilee!
Proclaim our liberty in Him!
Throughout the land we sound out:
The slaves have been returned to Him,
Released from toil, anxiety, and sin!
This is the year of jubilee!

2 Reclaim the land, our portion,
God as our rich possession.
Feast on Him ev'ry day!
Enjoy Him with God's fam'ly;
Find satisfaction and peace.
Here forever to stay!

Song 2

1 No mortal tongue can e'er describe
The freedom of the soul,
When passed beyond all earthly bribe
To God's complete control.
All things are his, yes, life, and death,
Things present or to come;
In Christ he draws in peace each breath,
In Christ he finds his home.

2 When such as we the King can choose,
To share with Him His throne,
'Tis passing strange that we refuse
To be our Lord's alone.
O never speak of sacrifice!
A privilege untold
Is to be His at any price,
In Calv'ry's hosts enrolled.

3 Arise! the holy bargain strike—
The fragment for the whole—
All men and all events alike
Must serve the ransomed soul.
All things are yours when you are His,
And He and you are one;
A boundless life in Him there is,
And kingdom yet to come.

For discussion:

We need to point out the reason Joseph became so rich and had the life supply. It was because of all his sufferings. From the time Joseph was seventeen years of age, he had been suffering. Even after he had been enthroned and was in power, he was still suffering because he was separated from his father. He had the power and the position to do everything necessary to have his father brought to him. But he refrained from doing so because he was in Egypt to fulfill God's will. In order for God's will to be fulfilled, Joseph had to suffer. Because of his suffering, he had the riches. At that time he became rich not in power, but in food and in the life supply. It is the same today in the church life. It is those who suffer who are able to give others the supply of life. (*Life-study of Genesis*, msg. 120)

How does the picture of Joseph's experience of being brought to rule in Egypt affect your concept of the Christian experience of suffering?

Reigning in Life

God's Creation and Our Destiny

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our **image**, according to Our likeness; and let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Romans 5:17 For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more **those who receive** the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **will reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.

Being Brought to Reign, to Minister the Life Supply

Genesis 41 ⁴⁰You shall be over my household, and according to your word all my people shall be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than you. ⁴¹Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. ⁴²And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it upon Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³And he made him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command, and they cried out before him, Bow the knee! And he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, yet without your consent no man will lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁵And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah.... ⁴⁶Now Joseph was thirty years old....

Four Prices to Buy the Life Supply

Genesis 41 ⁵⁵So when all the land of Egypt became hungry, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do. ⁵⁶And when the famine was over all the face of the earth, Joseph opened all the storehouses of grain and sold grain to the Egyptians; and the famine became severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷And all the earth came to Joseph in Egypt to **buy** grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

Genesis 47 ¹⁴And Joseph collected all the **money** that was to be found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶And Joseph said, Bring your **livestock**, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone. ¹⁹Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy **us** and **our land** in exchange for food, and we and our land will become servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate. ²³Then Joseph said to the people, Now that I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh, here is seed for you that you may sow the land. ²⁴And when harvest comes, you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own as seed of the field and as food for you and for those of your households and as food for your little ones. ²⁵And they said, You have saved our lives. May we find favor in the sight of my lord and be Pharaoh's servants.

Supplementary Verses

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassions and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction that we may be able to comfort those who are in every affliction through the comforting with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Isaiah 55:1 Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; / And you who have no money, / Come, buy and eat; / Yes, come, **buy** wine and milk / Without money and without price.

Revelation 3:18 I counsel you to **buy** from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For you have been bought with a price. So then glorify God in your body.

For the complete story, please read: Genesis 41:40-57; 47:12-25