

## Lessons from the Life of Joseph Part 8

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This was the time God sent His reward and in full to Joseph who deserved that great reward from God and for obvious reasons and as the following:

1. Joseph persevered in all the trials that God had placed him in.
2. Joseph behaved perfectly in all the trials that God had placed him in.
3. Joseph showed the character and the attitude of Jesus in showing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in his life, **“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23 KJV)**
4. Joseph in all the struggles that he passed through did not do, reacts or expresses the work of the flesh in his life. Joseph did not fight, got angry, revenge, told lies, unforgiving, drank, became immoral, committed adultery, got lazy, neglected his duty, took advantage, abused people, stole, cheated, deceived, and the rest of the human sinful nature in response to the trials that God had placed him in
5. Joseph accepted all the scenario that God wanted him to pass through.
6. Joseph did all his assignments that God had placed upon him to do.
7. Joseph used the Spiritual gifts that God gave him to serve the people according to the purpose of God in their lives.
8. Joseph never left his assignments in resentment to the trials that God had placed him in.
9. Joseph stood with God and never regress nor left God from the time that he was thrown into the pit until the time that he was taking from the prison and was assigned second to Pharaoh over all Egypt; that was why he truly deserved all that God bestowed on him from blessings through what Pharaoh had announced on him as we read in **Genesis 41:39-46.**
10. Joseph from what we observed from his life we can conclude that he considered all the trials, hardships and struggles are spiritual blessings, and training ground with good outcome from God fulfilling in his life what we read in **James 1:2-4, “2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of**

**your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”**

11. Joseph in all the trials that he was passing through was alone and no human stood beside him, and inspite of that he endured them.

12. In all the trials that Joseph was passing through without failing he was pointing the people toward God whether in words, in deeds or with both.

People usually will grumble from any trial that God would allow in their lives. They would start to regress, and go back. They will back out from their commitment. They will leave their responsibilities and assignments. They will grumble and make fuss. They will react. They will fight back. They will not use their gifts to serve God but they will express the works of the flesh. They would not see the trials that God allow in their lives as blessings and a test from God before He will reward them. They will not point the people toward God but they will point all the blame to Him. They would run to people for help and would consider all what is going on in their lives as injustice and they would question God and His presence in their lives. Instead of they would be moving to help others and serve them as service providers you find them they are consumers and looking for counselors, comforters and services to be provided for them. Such people they would have a concept that they are in the wrong scenario and they would do all what they can to shift themselves to other scenarios whether with hook or crooks and in such they are doing their own will and plan and moving away from the true blessings of God and His reward for them.

Now compare your attitudes and your behaviors with Joseph and conclude the following lessons from the life of Joseph in order for you to receive the full reward from God as you continue in His plan and scenario for you.

- Persevere in all the trials that God had placed on you.
- Behave perfectly in all the trials that God had placed on you.
- Show the character and the attitude of Jesus in showing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life, **“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23 KJV)**
- In all the struggles that you would pass through do not react nor expresses the work of the flesh in your life. Do not fight, get angry, revenge, tell lies, unforgiving, drinking alcohol, becoming immoral, committing adultery, getting lazy, neglecting your duty, taking advantage, abusing people, stealing, cheating, deceiving, and the rest of the human sinful nature in response to the trials that God had placed on you.
- Accept the scenario that God wanted you to pass through.
- Do all your assignments that God had placed upon you to do.
- Use the Spiritual gifts that God gave you to serve the people according to the purpose of God in their lives.
- Never leave your assignments in resentment to God to the trials that He had placed on you.
- Stand with God and never regress nor leave God while you are passing the trials that He allowed in your life until the time God would be taking you out from

them and in such you would truly deserve what God would bestow on you from blessing and His gracious reward for you.

- Consider all the trials, hardships and struggles are spiritual blessings, and training ground with good outcome from God fulfilling in your life what we read in *James 1:2-4*, “*2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*”
- Even you are alone and no human stands beside you continue to endure the trials because God is with you.
- Without failing continue to point the people toward God whether in words, in deeds or in both.

“*39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:*” (*Genesis 41:39 KJV*) Pharaoh confessed and announced that God was the one who declared to Joseph all these details that will take place in the future and that was a good testimony for Joseph. So when you continue to do your ministry as Joseph was doing the people whom you are ministering will announce that all what you had declared to them and what you advised them with had come from God. In addition to what Pharaoh said that God was the one who declared that to Joseph, he also said that Joseph was a discrete and wise man with high standard that no other had reached to, and so he announced to Joseph and to those who were in his court the other privileges that he shall give to him, **which would be the same of the following privileges that shall be bestowed on you as you continue to do, behave, act and live as Joseph did:**

**1. You shall be promoted and given an authority over others:** Joseph was given authority over all the house of Pharaoh, in addition he was given authority to rule over all the people of Egypt, “*40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.*” (*Genesis 41:40-41 KJV*) Yes truly Pharaoh called for Joseph from prison, loosed his chains, let him go free, and made him lord of his house, and he ruled over all the materials of Pharaoh, “*20 The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. 21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:*” (*Psalms 105:20-21 KJV*) **When you are discrete and wise people would start to trust you and place in your hand their material things and their own people so you can guide them and direct them in the way they need to go and the assignments that they need to do.**

**2. You will be given facilities and privileges and to be honored in order to practice and execute over others your further assignments well:** Pharaoh took the ring from his own hand and himself put it in front of all the people in his court in the hand of Joseph. In addition he further honored him when he put linen vesture on him, a gold chain in his neck, and gave him his own second chariot that Pharaoh would use to travel and move in case his first chariot fail. Pharaoh also commanded that people would be ordered to bow the knee before Joseph so that he would be further encouraged to exercise his authorities in order to do his assignments well, “*42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he*

*had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.*” (*Genesis 41:42-43 KJV*)

**3. You shall be a key person to control decisions making and transactions in the life of the people:** Joseph was the one to decide about certain matters, and no one without him would be allowed to do anything or move something or move to any place without his knowledge and approval, “*44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.*” (*Genesis 41:44 KJV*) Joseph was given authority to control the princes and the official officers who were appointed by Pharaoh, “*22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.*” (*Psalms 105:22 KJV*) By the wisdom that Joseph had from God he was teaching the counselors of Pharaoh wisdom how to conduct things and how to take right decisions.

**4. You shall be known and named by your service and the ministry that you offered and served the people with:** “*45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah;*” (*Genesis 41:45 KJV*) The meaning of Zaphnathpaaneah that Pharaoh gave to Joseph is either ‘**treasury of the glorious rest**’ or ‘**revealer of secrets**’, and that is what he was. By the wisdom that Joseph got from God gave Egypt treasures and gave them rest. Zaphnathpaaneah, according to the paraphrase of Onkelos, signifies one to whom hidden things are revealed; or, as Jonathan, a revealer of secrets; and so most of the Jewish writers explain it; and which seems to be given him from his interpreting Pharaoh’s dreams, and revealing what was hereafter to come to pass. The word is only used in this place, at least the latter part of it and Aben Ezra confesses his ignorance of it, whether it is an Egyptian word or not; Kircher most asserts it, and says it signifies a prophet (or foreteller) of future things. Although others say the meaning of the name is ‘**God speaks and lives**’ or ‘**God speaks and gives life**’, or ‘**the food of life**’ or ‘**the food that gives or causes life**’, or ‘**the savior of the world**’, and the meaning here of the name of Joseph is that he was the one who gave them the food and gave them life and he because of that saved them from death by what he gave them of wheat, barley and corn of what he saved during the years of plenty. The Jewish story teller they said that each letter of the word Zaphnathpaaneah it mean something, and if these letters put together the name of Joseph would mean ‘**the overseer**’, ‘**the savior**’, ‘**the prophet**’, ‘**the supporter**’, ‘**the interpreter of the dreams**’, ‘**the intelligent**’, ‘**the keeper of secrets**’, and ‘**the wise man**’; and his new name would mean ‘**God speaks and He is alive**’, which would be in pertain to the Word of God that came upon Joseph, and how God preserved him and how he preserved Egypt, and the region around it. **You can see here how your life and what good you do to the people would made of you a blessing to others and your name would be linked with God and His work in giving life and saving people from troubles in providing for them their food and their other needs to sustain their living.** Joseph when he stood in front of Pharaoh not only he gave solution for troubles to be solved and he received rewards, but also he was given a higher noble task that he needed to do to save lives. **In the same way as you persevere to stand with God and do His will and all the task that he entrusted to you then you will be given a higher task that you would ultimately got involved in saving people’s life by helping them to grasp God’s will and the solutions that they need to implement in their lives to come out from their troubles and be saved.**

**5. You shall be rewarded with a family:** Joseph was given a wife and blessed with a family. Pharaoh chose and gave Joseph a wife, *“and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On.” (Genesis 41:45 KJV)* *“Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.” (Proverbs 18:22 KJV)* *“House and riches are the inheritance of fathers and a prudent wife is from the LORD.” (Proverbs 19:14 KJV)*

**6. Your area and territory of influence would increase and expand to other places:** *“And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. 46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.” (Genesis 41:45-46 KJV)* Joseph was graduated when he finished his doctoral degree in the prison to be put over the whole land of Egypt. When he met Pharaoh and after Pharaoh saw his wisdom he was promoted and placed by the authority of Pharaoh over the whole land of Egypt with an power and influence that no one from the Egyptians would do anything, move anything or move to any place unless he would be asking the permission and approval of Joseph. **In the same way as you obey God and stand firm with him doing all your assignments in a perfect way then you would be promoted and lifted up and got rewarded in a profound way as what happened to Joseph.**

**My dear and beloved:** Here you can read the account of the blessings of God that shall come and stay on those who obey Him and who hearken diligently unto the voice of God and are willing to observe all His commands, *“1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. 5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. 6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. 7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. 8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. 10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. 13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:” (Deuteronomy 28:1-13 KJV)* **All these blessings shall come upon you as you hearken to the voice of God and do and obey His Word.**

Let us pray . . . .

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from death on the third day to give us eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word in this message that encouraged me to go on and serve you in spite of all trials and the hardships that I am passing through being aware that the time shall come and I will be rewarded by you for all my hard work and sacrifices I made unto you. Lord thank you being with me sustaining me with your grace and supporting me with your Holy Spirit to go on and accomplish what you wanted from me to do. Lord thank you for the trials and the training ground with good outcome that you allowed in my life that perfected my faith. Lord thank you for all the Spiritual gifts and the material blessings that you bestowed in my life that made my life easier and my ministry and service better. Lord thank you for increasing my faith and thank you for all the rewards and the bounties that I received from you and I am going to receive. Lord thank you for all the rebukes, the corrections, the admonishments, and all the lessons that we received from this message.*

*Confess and renounce now all your sins. Confess and renounce your discouragements and your grumbling against God because of the trials that He allowed to come into your life. Repent of being departed from God and broke your commitment with Him. Repent of your bad reactions and bad attitudes when you faced those trials. Repent of not showing the character of Jesus and the manifesting the fruit of the Spirit in your life in facing trials. Repent of your running to people and putting your trust in them to avoid the hardships that God allowed in your life. Repent of not doing the assignments that God had placed upon you to do. Repent of not using the Spiritual gifts that God gave you to serve others according to His purpose in their lives. Repent of your unwillingness to direct the people toward God. Repent of refusing to go through the scenario that God allowed in your life. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God in your life. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Repent of your yoke with non believers and wasting your time on the Media, News and games. Lord forgive me, I repent and renounce the following sins*

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*Lord I commit my life into your hand, Lord I am willing to stand firm with you in all the trials that you allowed in my life. Lord I commit my life to serve you and serve the people according to your purpose in their lives using all the Spiritual gifts that you gave to me. Lord I commit myself to continue in the same scenario that you had ordained for me to pass into my life until you would come to relief me and to receive my reward from you. Lord I commit myself to humble down before you and do your instructions and follow the style of life that you ordained for me to live. Lord I commit myself to express the fruit of the Holy Spirit in my life; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, so people would see Jesus in my life. Lord I commit myself to direct the people to you and to teach them your Word and your will in their lives. Lord give me good health, strength and perseverance to the end until you come to take us to Heaven, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*

*Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who accepted your Word and your will in their lives, and are willing to persevere to the end in the scenario that you had ordained*

*for them to go through and to continue to stand with you, fully trusting you and pointing the people toward you and willing humbly to serve you with the Spiritual gifts that you gave them. Lord sustain them in the trials that they are passing through, give them good health and strength to continue to serve you. Lord grant them favor in the eyes of the people and the governors. Lord reward them for their obedience and make their lives good testimonies for others to follow you.*

*Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue through the narrow gate and the narrow way that you ordained for us to pass through. Lord sustain us and continue to provide for us to continue to serve you. Lord lead us to evangelize, to make new disciples, to train new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord take the message and spread it to reach the rest of the church congregations and people who need to hear your Word. Lord prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord I pray for more people to be water baptized, and receives the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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