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THE LIFE OF JOSEPH – LESSON 18

ISRAEL'S GIVEN THE BEST OF EGYPT

Picking up our story at Genesis 46:30, we see that Israel (Jacob) upon reuniting with Joseph feels that his life has now been made complete. As we see Joseph like a type-cast of Jesus, then we, like Jacob, have our life made complete upon meeting Christ personally.

Joseph now spoke to them that he must return to Pharaoh and put the issue of their dwelling place before him. Although Joseph was ruler of all Egypt, he still had Pharaoh over him to whom he was responsible.

He instructed his brothers to come with him. They were to tell Pharaoh that they were shepherds and cattlemen. They were to request that they be allowed to take up residence in Goshen, which was a good distance away. This would also be practical for Pharaoh because shepherds were an abomination to Egyptians.

Joseph went back with five of his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh. The King questioned them, and they responded as their younger brother had instructed. Pharaoh granted them the privilege of dwelling in Goshen. Moreover, he was impressed with them enough that he requested some of the brothers to take over his own herds to “rule over” them. (Genesis 47:6).

Joseph then brought in his father, Israel, who had a good conversation with the king. Jacob was now 130 years old. As they were about to part, Jacob gave a blessing over Pharaoh. Joseph, by Pharaoh's order, then gave the family a land possession of the best land in Egypt, the land of Ramses which included Goshen. Joseph also gave regular provision of food to all the families of Israel.

God had not only brought them to a good place in life, but he also provided for their daily sustenance. When we honor God and put Him at the center of our life, He does that for us, too.

Just because there may be some times when you do not see that daily provision, it does not mean that He has abandoned or forgotten you. Continue to lean upon Him. He will see you through.