

Lesson III.

JOSEPH EXALTED

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Genesis 41 : 38-49 —Memory Verses, 39-41.

Golden Text—Them that honour me, I will honour. —1 Sam. 2 : 30.

38 And Pha'raoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?

39 And Pha'raoh said unto Jo'seph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none* so discreet and wise as thou art :

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 Pha'raoh said unto Jo'seph, See, I have set thee over all the land of E'gypt.

42 And Pha'raoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Jo'seph'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 E'gypt.

44 And Pha'raoh said unto Jo'seph, I am Pha'raoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of E'gypt.

45 And Pha'raoh called Jo'seph's name Zaph'nath-paane'ah ;

and he gave him to wife As'enath the daughter of Potiphe'rah priest of On. And Jo'seph went out over *all* the land of E'gypt.

46 And Jo'seph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pha'raoh king of E'gypt. And Jo'seph went out from the presence of Pha'raoh, and went throughout all the land of E'gypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of E'gypt, and laid up the food in the cities : the food of the field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49 And Jo'seph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering ; for *it was* without number.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It was two full years after the chief butler was free that he remembered Joseph. It happened in this way :

King Pharaoh had a wonderful dream in which he saw seven fat cows pasturing in a meadow beside a river, out of which seven lean cows came and ate up the first seven. And he saw also seven good ears of wheat spring up, and immediately they were swallowed by seven lean ears. When the king awoke he called for his wise men to tell him the meaning of his dream, but they could not.

Then the butler remembered Joseph and said to Pharaoh, "There was a young man in prison with me who explained the meaning of a strange dream to the chief baker and myself. I have done wrong in forgetting him all this time. I am sure he will be able to explain the king's dream."

Then said Pharaoh, "Bring him before me at once." And they brought Joseph up out