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Worship In Song



Majesty

Majesty worship His majesty Unto Jesus be all glory Honor and praise

Majesty kingdom authority Flow from His throne Unto His own His anthem raise

So exalt lift up on high The name of Jesus Magnify come glorify Christ Jesus the King

Majesty worship His majesty Jesus who died now glorified King of all kings



He Is Exalted

He is exalted The King is exalted on high I will praise Him He is exalted forever exalted And I will praise His name

He is the Lord Forever His truth shall reign Heaven and earth Rejoice in His holy name He is exalted The King is exalted on high



Hosanna

Hosanna hosanna
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Lord we lift up Your name With hearts full of praise Be exalted oh Lord my God Hosanna in the highest

Glory glory Glory to the King of kings Glory glory Glory to the King of kings

Lord we lift up Your name With hearts full of praise Be exalted oh Lord my God Glory to the King of kings



Rock Of My Salvation

You are the Rock of my salvation You are the strength of my life You are my hope and my inspiration Lord unto You will I cry

I believe in You believe in You For Your faithful love to me You have been my help in time of need Lord unto You will I cleave

You are the Rock of my salvation You are the strength of my life

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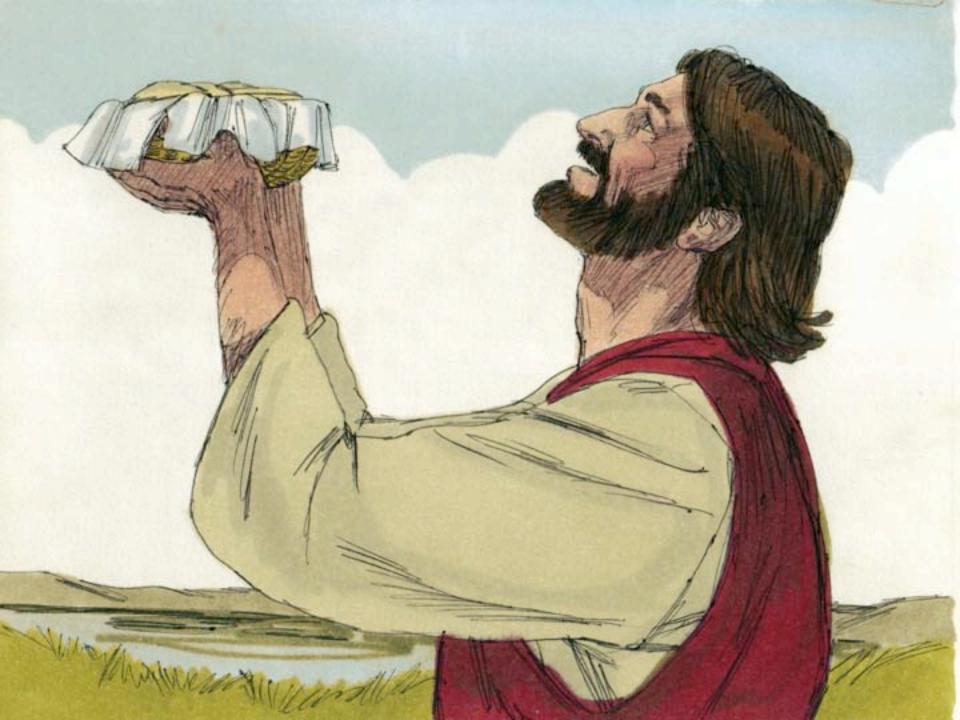














WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men

Worship In Song



Footsteps Of Jesus

Sweetly Lord have we heard Thee calling Come follow Me And we see where Thy footprints falling Lead us to Thee

Footprints of Jesus That make the pathway glow We will follow the steps of Jesus Where'er they go

Tho' they lead o'er the cold dark mountains Seeking His sheep Or along by Siloam's fountains Helping the weak

Footprints of Jesus That make the pathway glow We will follow the steps of Jesus Where'er they go

If they lead thru the temple holy Preaching the Word Or in homes of the poor and lowly **Serving the Lord**

Footprints of Jesus That make the pathway glow We will follow the steps of Jesus Where'er they go

Then at last when on high He sees us Our journey done We will rest where the steps of Jesus End at His throne

Footprints of Jesus That make the pathway glow We will follow the steps of Jesus Where'er they go



Lord, Here Am I Master Thou callest I gladly obey Only direct me and I'll find Thy way Teach me the mission appointed for me What is my labor and where it shall be

Master Thou callest and this I reply Ready and willing Lord here am I

Willing my Savior to take up the cross Willing to suffer reproaches and loss Willing to follow if Thou wilt but lead Only support me with grace in my need

Master Thou callest and this I reply Ready and willing Lord here am I

Living or dying I still would be Thine Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine Pardon whenever I turn from the right Pity and bring me again to the light

Master Thou callest and this I reply Ready and willing Lord here am I



You're the sole desire of my heart You're the sole desire of my heart

Still more with ev'ry passing day As things of earth just fade away I come to know the joy of loving You You're the sole desire of my heart

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Lord speak to me I'm standing still I come to hear reveal Your will I'll listen to Your voice and then obey You're the sole desire of my heart

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Journey From Tragedy to Triumph

LESSON 8... Finding and Doing the Will of God

TEXT: (Genesis 46:1-7)

Please open your Bible and read along with us.

Genesis 46:1-7 "So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring

you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes." Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt." (ESV)

Introduction:

We have come a long way with Joseph on his 'journey from tragedy to triumph."

We have gone from the pit to the palace, but our journey does not end with Joseph exalted and at the pinnacle of success.

All his power, prosperity, and prestige would mean little without his family.

That's the reason the first question Joseph asked his brothers after revealing his identity was,

"Does my father still live?"

Joseph knew God is the ultimate pro-family advocate, and in his prosperity he could not forget his family.

What does 1Timothy 5:8 say about those who do not provide for their families?

1 Timothy 5:8 "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

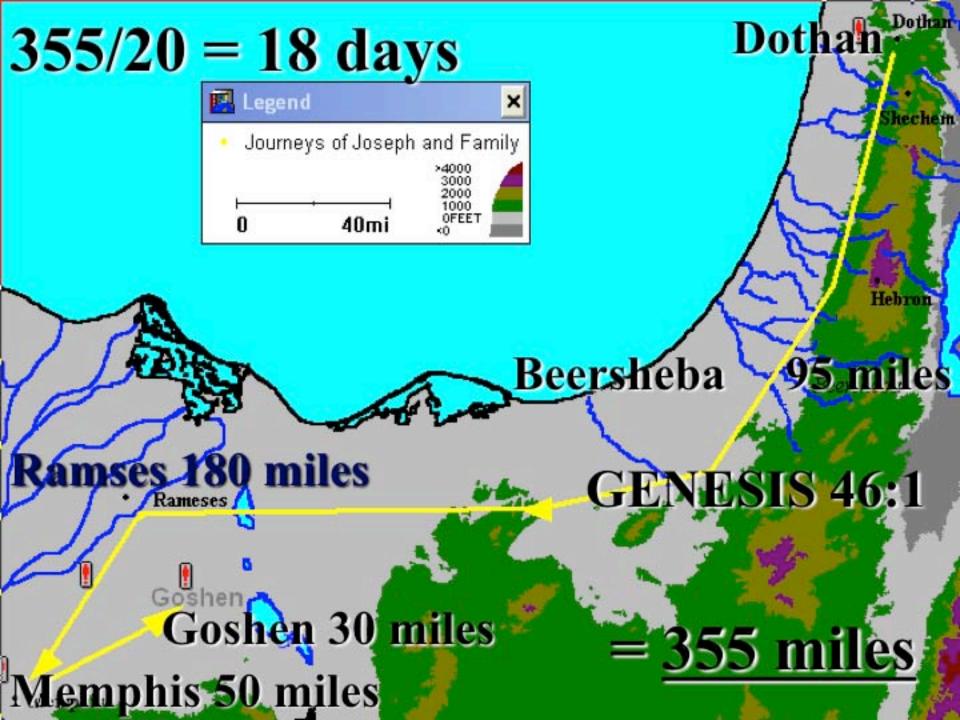
God has made us so no matter how successful we may be in life, if it is not a family affair, blessings are only empty shells that look great on the outside but are nothing on the inside. Therefore, after revealing his identity to his brothers, Joseph immediately sent them back home to bring the rest of the family to Egypt (Genesis 45:21-24).

Upon learning of the wonderful news concerning Joseph, the aging Jacob says,

I will go and see him before I die (Genesis 45:28)

Which brings us to our first point in finding and doing the will of God...

I. The Principles (Genesis 46:1-7) Genesis 46:1 "says, So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac."



Beersheba was where Jacob lived with his father Isaac (Genesis 28:10) and where God had spoken to Isaac and to Jacob's grandfather Abraham.

Jacob knew his grandfather Abraham had gone through a humiliating experience in Egypt (Genesis 12:10-20) and God had told his father Isaac not to go to Egypt (Genesis 26:2).

Therefore, before Jacob could travel to Egypt he had to get God's permission to leave the promised land, Canaan.

After Israel offered sacrifices...
Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!"

And he said, "Here I am." God then tells him, "do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. . . I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes (Genesis 46:1-4). God reassures Jacob he will see Joseph and he is doing the right thing.

There are several important spiritual principles in this passage about finding and doing the will of God.

Jeremiah 29:11-13;

Jeremiah 29:11-13 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." (ESV)

When circumstances seem to indicate God is leading us in a certain direction;

Our heart's desire seems to affirm it;

Family and friends encourage us;

Proverbs 24:6 "For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellers there is safety."

Everything seems to say "do it;" Then, we should proceed only after consulting God in prayer.

James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Luke 6:12-13 "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;"

There is another principle for finding and doing the will of God we must never forget.

Some Christians believe God is some kind of "kill-joy" who always vetoes anything that seems like a dream-come-true.

Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

This means (GOD'S Will) is the best thing that could ever happen to us, we will like it, and it is perfect for us.

When seeking God's will, we must always remember He is not a "celestial kill-joy."

However, as long as we live in this world, our personal desires will sometimes conflict with the will of God, so we must be careful because of the fact found in Jeremiah 17:9.

Jeremiah 17:9 ""The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

The more we grow in the knowledge of God and His will for our lives, what will God do at the proper time and place in our lives, according to Psalm 37:4?

Psalms 37:4 "Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart."

However, we also must be prepared for God to say "no."

He will only say "no" when it is not for our long-term good.

Or, perhaps it may be the right thing at the wrong time, and He will say "Wait."

After receiving God's approval, the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him (Genesis 46:5).

They are traveling back to Egypt in carts, that is, "first-class."

They also take their livestock... goods and all of Jacob's descendants... to Egypt (Genesis 46:6-7).

Having looked at the principles, we now come to...

II. The Propagation (Genesis 46:8-27)

Jacob's family had begun to multiply even before leaving Canaan.

However, the seed of Abraham through Jacob has grown.

Genesis 46:8-25 lists Jacob's children and grandchildren who traveled with him to Egypt.

The chart below lists the children of Jacob.

Reading the chart from top to bottom shows the order of birth from eldest to youngest.

Going from left to right reveals the mothers of Jacob's children.



Verse 26 says there were sixty-six (66) persons in all, not counting Jacob but including his grandchildren, who traveled with him to Egypt.

Including Jacob and Joseph and his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, verse 27 says there were a total of *seventy*.

It has now been 215 years since God first appeared to Abraham and promised his seed would become a great nation.

In other Words, the "Church" had grown to 70 after 215 years.

It would be another 400 years after this event to the time of the Exodus when the Israelite men would number 600,000.

Exodus 12:37 "And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children." (ESV)

Including wives and children, the total number would be at least two million.

Another thing we must remember when finding God's will for our lives is He never gets in a hurry.

Haste makes waste!!

If you are in a hurry to understand the Bible, to get an answer to prayer, to find God's will for your life;

Or if you want immediate results when you attempt something for God, you will be disappointed.

Luke 15:20 is the only time in the Bible when God is pictured as being in a hurry.

Luke 15:20 ""And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him."

We've looked at the principles and propagation; now let's discover...

III. The Passion - Genesis 46:28-30

Judah now appears to be the leader among Jacob's sons.

Therefore, upon arriving in Egypt, Jacob sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out before him the way to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen (Genesis 46:28).

Joseph, now 39, was only 17 years old the last time he saw his beloved father.

Therefore, when he learned that his father was in Goshen.

Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while (Genesis 46:29).

For 22 years Joseph had been lonely for his family.

But most of all he missed his father.

However, the long years of hurt and loneliness did not produce hatred or bitterness in this good man's heart.

Instead, the <u>tragedies</u> of his life produced a compassionate, loving heart.

In all his adversity and emotional pain, Joseph is never said to be out of the will of God.

Being in the center of God's will does not mean there will be no suffering or pain.

Quite the contrary.

Before His ascension what does Jesus reveal will happen to Peter?

John 21:18-19 ""Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."")

Jacob is satisfied when he sees Joseph, and therefore says, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive" (Genesis 46:30).

Jacob knew Joseph was the one whom God had chosen to rule over the family.

Thus, this was more than an emotional family reunion; it was a verification God's promise was still in tact.

Having discovered the principles, the propagation, and the passion, let's finally consider...

IV. The Plan (Genesis 46:31-34)

After an emotional reunion, Joseph reveals his plan to tell Pharaoh they are shepherds so he can secure the land of Goshen for them.

Joseph tells his family to stress the fact they are shepherds, for their occupation has been to feed livestock (Genesis 46:32).

Pharaoh knew they were coming but apparently has not designated any particular land for them even though Joseph mentions Goshen in Genesis 45:10.

Joseph informs his family that every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians (46:34).

Since the Egyptians hated shepherds, this arrangement will allow the Israelites to live segregated from the Egyptians.

This was part of the will of God.

If the Israelites lived among the Egyptians, they might be tempted to marry non-Hebrews (UNBELIEVERS) and eventually be assimilated into the Egyptian culture.

- 1 Kings 11:2, tells us why God not want the Israelites to intermarry with other people.
- 1 Kings 11:2 "... You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods."

2 Corinthians 6:14 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

As usual, Joseph was very wise and diplomatic.

He was eager to have his family in Egypt without offending the customs or concerns of the Egyptians.

This is something we all must remember when seeking to do God's will.

1 Corinthians 9:22 "to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

Paul was not saying he compromised his calling or the Gospel, but rather he did not offend anyone unnecessarily.

We don't accomplish God's will by acting "holier than thou" toward non-believers.

We accomplish God's will by being their friends and going out of our way not to hurt or offend them.

Conclusion:

Joseph was a master at being all things to all people that God might accomplish His will through him.

- Based on this lesson, what three things should you do if you are to find and do the will of God?
- 1. Ask God in prayer.
- 2. Seek God's Will in His Word.

3. Knock on the door of opportunity.

Luke 11:9 ""So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

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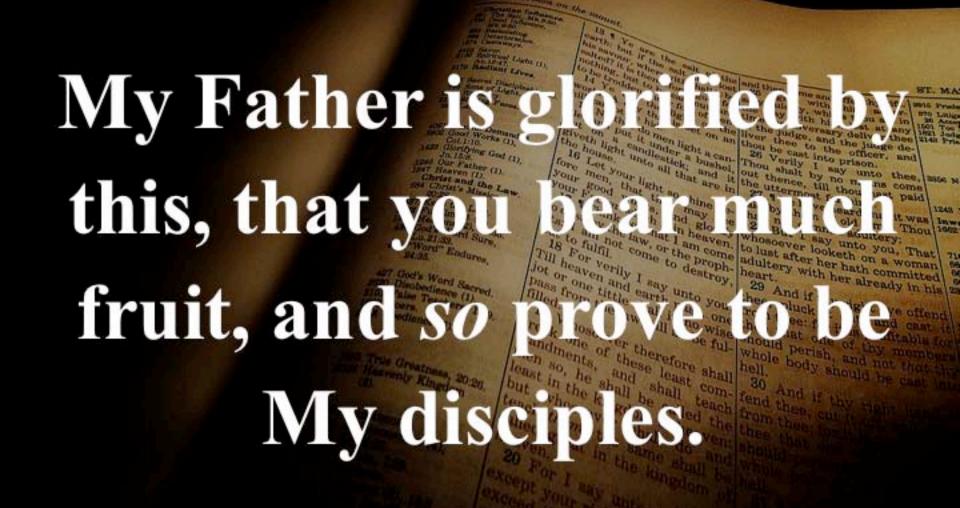
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John 12:23-24

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorifie I say to you, un wheat falls into dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 15:8



Worship In Song



Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us Savior like a shepherd lead us Much we need Your tender care In Your pleasant pastures feed us For our use Your folds prepare

Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus You have bought us Thine we are Blessed Jesus Blessed Jesus You have bought us Thine we are

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