

Weekly Word February 23, 2025

Marion Victory

Genesis 45:3-15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Joseph's brothers (the 10 elder ones) were filled with dismay at his presence. But Joseph reassured them, 'Don't be angry or grieved with yourselves. **God sent me before you to preserve life.**' GOD did exactly what Romans 8:28 tells us. Look it up. The brother's plan to get rid of (kill), turned into a plan to save (preserve life).

This lineage was important to GOD. Jacob's family was to be preserved a *posterity* (the condition of being successful or thriving) in the earth, and they would be delivered by a great deliverance (v7). **Could this be a hint of the Exodus?**

God gave the nation of Israel the land of Goshen (*the best part of Egypt*), to inhabit during the time of the famine and onward. There they lived and prospered until their deliverance by God, through Moses in the Exodus. They prospered and were protected by God even in their slavery which took place after the time of Joseph.

Joseph's anointing to interpret dreams was God's gift to keep him safe. He was seventeen when he was taken and thirty-nine when he met his brothers again.

The Messiah (Jesus) would come from Jacob.

Joseph was age 17 when his brothers took him and sold him, he spent 13 years in prison, there had already been 7 years of plenty and they were in the 2nd year of the famine.

Psalms 37 is filled with God's instruction for us during times of trouble when evil seems to be winning. He tells us;

Don't fret because of evildoers. **Trust in the LORD** and **do good.**

Dwell in the land, and **feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD** and He shall give you the desires of your heart. **Commit your way to Him,** and He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. **Rest in Him,** wait patiently for Him. **Do not fret** because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. **Cease from anger, and forsake wrath, do not fret-** it only causes harm. Those who **wait on the LORD,** they shall inherit the earth. Yet a little while and the wicked will be no more. But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD, He is their strength in time of trouble.

These past months, I have been learning these truths and applying (little by little). The more your focus is on Him, the less fretting you will do. The word Delighting only occurs as a “present continuous” verb (meaning it’s happening right now and, is planned for the future). Wow!

Just this past week at the Inner Healing Ministry, we were singing Because He Lives, I can face tomorrow, I know He holds the future; and the LORD spoke to my heart. We live in times that are uncertain, with news and information that we’re not looking for, coming at us constantly that is fake, true, (not necessarily truth), misconstrued, twisted and full of uncertainty. But GOD wants us to know that He is certain! He doesn’t want you to be uncertain. He wants ***you to be certain in Him and who He is.***

His word tells us in Isaiah 49:16; ‘See I have inscribed you on ***the palms of My hands.***’ Now, I realize that this scripture is referencing Israel. However, remember, we have been grafted into the vine and *adopted* (chosen) because of Jesus. He was nailed to the cross, through ***the palms of His hands*** and feet and those scars remain and are the testimony of our salvation.

Luke clearly shows us how we should treat our enemies. Those enemies, as in Joseph’s case, may be your family. We are instructed to love, bless, give, do good, lend, be merciful, and not to judge our enemy. Above all, we are to pray for them.

Father, thank You for instructing us and holding us in Your hands. Your Word is steadfast and true. Never changing yet always new. An anchor through life’s storms, a guide when we wander, a comfort when we are unsettled, a light in the darkness and my treasure. Keep us during these days and give us hearts to respond and the courage to do what You ask. In Jesus’ name. Amen