

## The Blessing of Favour: 1

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#### Genesis 39.2

"And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian" - (AV)

#### 'The Lord was with' him..

#### Genesis 39. 1-23

- Verses 1-5 says that 'the Lord was with Joseph' and the blessing made him prosper. Actually four times in this chapter (vs 2, 3, 21, 23) we read these words
- Verse 5 connects God's presence with the Blessing.
- The Blessing is the favour of God. The Favour of God was on Joseph (vs 4, 21)
- Even when his circumstance changed and things appeared to go wrong (through false allegations and imprisonment) Joseph still knew the presence of God was with him and produced favour and prosperity in his life (vs 19-23)
- After he had been forgotten and left in the prison for two years – still the Lord was with him and the blessing elevated and promoted him (Genesis 40.23; 41.1,14, 37-41, 52)

#### Compare

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| • Genesis 26.24                | The blessing on Isaac         |
| • Genesis 30.43 – Genesis 31.5 | The blessing on Jacob         |
| • 1 Samuel 3.19                | The blessing on Samuel        |
| • 1 Samuel 18.12,14            | The blessing on David         |
| • 2 Kings 18.7                 | The blessing on Hezekiah      |
| • Acts 10.38                   | The blessing on Jesus         |
| • Psalm 1.1-3                  | The blessing on all godly men |
| • Matthew 28.20                | The blessing on the church    |

#### The Preciousness of the Presence of God

- You cannot have the Blessing without God's presence with you - He is the Blesser.
- Most folk talk and think about material prosperity, healing, a spiritual gift or some other tangible thing as the blessing.
- We must not confuse blessings with the Blessing.
- These tangible blessings are only the results and benefits of the Blessing. Most Christians seek the blessings: they seek the healing for their body, they seek the spiritual gifts, they seek the financial miracle to meet a need. They are trying to get the blessings rather than the Blesser.

- It is the Blessing that makes rich – and with the blessing there is no sorrow. Sorrow is found where people seek the blessings (the results of the Blessing)  
 “The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it” Proverbs 10.22

### Seek God First

- Jesus is Emmanuel – ‘God with us’. (Matthew 1.23)
- Everything God is and has been, is wrapped up in Jesus. Jesus is the fullness of the Godhead and in Him there is completeness [the Blessing] (Colossians 2.9-10)

Matthew 6.31-33

“Therefore do not worry, saying ‘what shall we eat?’ or ‘what shall we drink?’ or ‘what shall we wear?’. For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”

- Seek first of all the ‘kingdom of God’ - seek God first, His presence first. Get into that place of fellowship with God, out of which will flow the Fullness of the Blessing. You’ll get the blessings, but they come as a result of the Blessing.

This is why we should get excited when we gather together – because the Lord is with us  
 “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them”  
 Matthew 18.20