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The Land of Goshen

Goshen

Greetings Family, we have entered a time where we must understand all things from the perspective of the scriptures. I just would like to continue with the teaching that we are doing in our household of faith for us to understand where we are; where we have been and where we are going to.

We are talking about a Land Called Goshen.

Meaning of Goshen

To draw near or a drawing near. Goshen is a type or Spiritual Posture that the Church must enter into.

Introduction

Joseph sold into Slavery and he became Lord over Egypt and had favour with Pharaoh. The lands around Egypt experienced famine and Jacob asked his sons to go to Egypt to get grain. This brought them to be reconnected with their brother. We see in Gen 45:4 that he says come near to me or draw close to me” – this is the picture of Christ and the Church. Gen 45:4 And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Joseph is a picture of Christ and the Brothers are a picture of the Church. So it is Christ that is saying to his bride – DRAW NEAR TO ME. This is a spiritual posture that we the Church need to adopt as Individuals, as families and the Church Corporate



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Overview

- 1) Goshen Was a specific location in Egypt
- 2) Joseph was governor over Egypt and he allocated this land to the Israelites.
- 3) The Israelites were protected as a result of their location – Goshen. Egypt encountered plagues and the angel of death; there was famine but in this LOCATION - Goshen there was immunity.
- 4) Goshen is a picture of the true church. This is a picture of a Church that is located in Christ
- 5) The true Church is never disconnected from Christ.
- 6) Col 1.18 - 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.
- 7) A body disconnected from the head lacks the wisdom, knowledge and understanding.
- 8) All of these attributes flows from the head.
- 9) When Christ is not the priority the foundation upon which we build then we adopt the systems of Babylon to bring structure to the church.
- 10) Joseph is a picture of the Christ and his Brothers is a picture of the Body of Christ.
- 11) The meaning of Goshen is to draw near or a drawing near. Joseph said to his brother's draw near to me. This is a Spiritual posture of intimacy with the Lord. It is a PICTURE of abiding, dwelling, being intimate, inhabiting, and marrying the lord.



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John 8:31 – Abide (“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed.”) one of the ways that we draw near to God is by Abiding in his word.

- Dwell in the Word
- Marry the Word
- Abide in the Word
- Yearn for the Word
- Word must cause a division souls and spirit
- Allow the word to have its piercing nature on you
- John 15:17 - If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you[a] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- Whatever we desire will be according to the word of the lord.
- To abide is to be steadfast – rooted in him (Col 2:7)

PREPARATION

- ✓ TIME OF PREPARATION - See this time as preparation, period was God is bringing his church into a greater intimacy with him, studying the word, prayer, reconciling families, bringing divine order into the home. Hygiene, cleanliness into the home and in a nation – all this is preparation.
- ✓ It was a period of preparation.
- ✓ Preparation for something greater – we must learn how to abide, tarry, dwell – intimate relationship with the lord.



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70 in number when they entered Goshen.

- When Jacob and his brothers settled in Goshen they were just 70 in number but they grew into a mighty nation.
 - This promise was given to Abraham and the fulfilment thereof was seen in the time of Joseph.
 - In this time you may not understand what God is doing; we may not be able to see into the future but we trust in the promises of God.
- This is a time to build our Faith. What is FAITH? That which is UNSEEN

Exodus 1:5-7

All those [a]who were descendants of Jacob were seventy[b] persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already).
6 And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. 7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and [c]grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

When we enter a place called Goshen it is a place of fruitfulness, multiplication, increase. When we posture ourselves by drawing near to God we increase multiply (physically, materially) we are the corporate Christ in

5 Principles gleaned from Drawing Near

1. SUBMIT - Walk in Submission – authority of another. Jam 4:7 Submission to God is submission to his word. Submit to governmental authority as they are looking for our wellbeing. Elders.
2. TRUST - Learn how to trust the lord – Ps 112
3. ENDURE - Learn to endure – endurance just like Jesus.
4. LOVE - Agape love of God – God kind of Love when he endured the cross. Self-denial or death to yourself. Assist people and be of assistance to others. Your heart must not be hardening at this time
5. PRAISE - Praise in our mouths – Ps 149:6; Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand

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Abraham and Jacob

Gen 12:1-3

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The activation of the promises of God is determined how we draw close to him.

Gen 46:3 - So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.

God told Jacob to go to Egypt....

The promises of God were true from Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.

- A. Egypt = is a picture of the world, the world's system; a system of bondage and slavery
- B. Goshen =
 - a) posture of hearing the voice of God,
 - a) intimate with the lord,
 - b) joining ourselves to the Lord,
 - c) Understanding the ways of God,
 - d) order of life,
 - e) way of living,
 - f) living lives that are pleasing to God,
 - g) represents,
 - h) knowing the culture of God,
 - l) it represents a different culture in the world (we are in this world but not of this world)



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Shifts in our Thinking

While we are in the world we must know how to abide with the Lord. There must be a shift from the Land of Canaan (Canaan means Trader, Trafficker or Merchandiser – spirit of Mammon; Gen 37 sold him to the Ishmaelite's 20 Shekels of Silver; governed by a Canaanite Spirit) to the Land of Goshen.

- o Shift in thinking Gen 45:9
- o Place of the Fathers Business – Joseph is using his influence to take care of our brothers during the time of famine.
- o Spirit of God is Different from the Sons of this world – Satan is not opposite to God. Don't let the Canaanite spirit get a hold of you.
- o Jacob came with all his possessions together with his family when he came to Goshen.
- o Economic crisis – source of income will not be able to carry us through our crisis. Intimacy with the Lord will lead you through your sowing and reaping. Gen 26
- o Gen 47:2 (5 = Grace) = Goshen prepares you to stand before the World system (Pharaohs). Everything is on lockdown in order for you to prepare yourself.
- o Must be a people that can present grace. The place of preparation is a place called Goshen. Prepare ourselves to stand before kings.
- o This time of preparation is bringing us to the original position (Gen.... Adam walked with God that intimacy.... cool of the day...where he was not governed with his soul but with his spirit.... the eyes of his soul were closed.... after he had eaten were his eyes were opened which was the eyes of his soul).
- o Culture of the land of Goshen is that you know where so sow and how to reap and operate from an Acts Church methodology.
- o Goshen prepares you to stand before Pharaohs and understand what your occupation is.
- o At this time what have you been occupied in – to evaluate the productivity, measure is the productivity of your activity. What are you occupied with?

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