

LESSON 40

07.10.18

Theme: DEMONSTRATION OF WISDOM BY JOSEPH

Memory Verse: *James 1:5* “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraided not; and it shall be given him.”

Texts: Genesis 41:33-36; Proverbs 4:7; 11:14

After interpreting the dream, Joseph gave Pharaoh a counsel to the effect that food should be stored up in advance, in preparation against the years of famine. To supervise the task, Joseph suggested a “discreet and wise” man to lead other officers over the land of Egypt. This counsel was a clear demonstration of wisdom and in line with the scriptures: “A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.” “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provided her meat in the summer, and gathered her food in the harvest” (Proverbs 27:12; Proverbs 6:6-8).

Joseph was discreet and purposeful in his counsel. He knew from his interpretation of the dreams that there was a great problem ahead. He then counselled Pharaoh on the way out of the impending famine. From the counsel of Joseph to Pharaoh, we learn that a correct interpretation of God’s message must be closely followed by a proper application.

In order to do this we need to pray for wisdom that God will make us like Joseph and the children of Issachar of old, “which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do” (1 Chronicles 12:32). His counsel revealed that Joseph was a man of vision and where there is Vision people are safe (Proverbs 29:18). People with Vision and wisdom should offer counsel to the troubled for “without counsel purposes are disappointed”. The Word of God enjoins: “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraided not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5).

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	John 9	John 10
MONDAY	John 11	John 12
TUESDAY	John 13	John 14
WEDNESDAY	John 15	John 16
THURSDAY	John 17	John 18
FRIDAY	John 19	John 20
SATURDAY	John 21	Acts 1