

# Joseph the Sovereign & Jesus the Savior

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The messianic Hour is on the air. All Israel, here the word of the Lord.

[Singing 0:12-0:40]

A hearty welcome friends on the broadcast of the messianic hour under the direction of Dr. Charles Lee Feinberg, professor of Old Testament at Talbot Theological Seminary. This program aims to foster love for God's ancient people Israel and to spread the truth of salvation in the Messiah. For blessing and inspiration stay tuned for the next half hour.

[Music 1:08-2:00]

Like Mary of old, there are times when the best way we can serve the Lord Jesus is by sitting quietly at his feet just listening. Often we work, but do not worship. Yet Jesus calls adoration and warm fellowship with Him the good part. Silence and solitude are as needful to the soul as sleep is to the body. If we would do much for God, we must be much with God. If you study the lives of the men who have accomplished a great deal for the savior you will usually find that they spent many hours in secret communion with the Lord in meditation and prayer. It is good for us to shut out the world through the door of the inner closet and open the window that looks out upon the things of eternity.

[Music 3:01-4:35]

An advertisement in The London Times read, "Wanted by an invalid lady, a Christian housekeeper, cheerful if possible." To some people cheer and Christianity just do not mix. How grievously we have misrepresented our Lord. He offers us three types of cheer. He offers us this cheer of forgiveness, sin and disobedience, bring the joy out of life. But to the guilt ridden and the despairing he said, "Son be of good cheer. Thy sins be forgiven to thee." He offers also the cheer of companionship. His disciples were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee and they thought the ship was about to sink. He came to them on the waves and said, "Be of good cheer. Be not afraid." His companionship made the difference. We know that with Christ at our side we can handle anything in life and then finally Jesus offers the cheer of victory he said to his disciples as he himself faced the cross in the world we shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer I have overcome the world. With the apostle Paul, Christians can say, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

[Music 6:08-7:30]

Friends, it is not important what I say or what you say, but what say the scripture. Hear the Old Testament prophecy in First Samuel 21 verse 6. "So the priest gave him hallowed bread

before there was no bread there, but the show bread that was taken from before the Lord to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away." Now here is the new testament fulfilment in the messiah, in Mark's Gospel the second chapter, verses 23 to 28, "And it came to pass that he went through the green fields on the Sabbath day and his disciples began as they went to pluck the ears of grain and the Pharisees said to him behold, why do they on the Sabbath day that which is not lawful? And he said it to them, have you never read what David did when he had need and was hungry? He and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God in the days of a bothers, the high priest and did eat this show bread. Which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests and gave also to them who were with him, and he said to them the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the son of man is lord also of the Sabbath."

Oh gracious God and father though God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob. The God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ how we think that thy word is so crystal clear that in the final analysis it is not ordinances, it is not ceremonies it is not earthly regulations and statutes which satisfy thy loving heart. Thou duth cut all these away. And thou duth go to the very heart of the matter, it's that personal relationship that thou to seek with us apart from even regulations such as the Sabbath or the show bread, what is the motivation of heart. What is the relationship of spirit with thee? We thank you that our Lord Jesus went to the very heart of the matter and so as many hearts in Israel lost sheep of the House of Israel or listening to the broadcast this hour may they see that the matter beyond all computation of eternal importance destiny determining value is what we have done with a matter of provision for our sins and Messiahs the Lord. Lord May they see that he has fulfilled all and not only so, but has taken the penalty for our lack of fulfilment of commandments without number. May there be a laying hold of him we pray, by faith, on the part of many who this broadcast we pray in Jesus bless that name. Amen.

[Music 10:50-11:00]

Annie Johnson Flint was one of the great poetess that the Christian Church has known through the years. She's written a poem but God I know not, but God knows all blessed rest from fear. All my unfolding days to him are plain and clear. Each anxious puzzled why from doubt or dread that grows finds answer in this thought. I know not but he knows. I cannot, but God can. Oh, balm for all my care. The burden that I drop his hand will lift and bear though eagle pinions tire. I walk where once I ran. This is my strength to know I cannot, but he can. I see not, but God sees. Oh all sufficient light, my dark and hidden way to him is always bright. My strained and peering eyes may close in restful ease and I in peace may sleep. I see not, but he sees.

[Music 12:18-13:15].

I like to think we the today friends on the theme, Joseph the sovereign and Jesus the Savior. Find the story of Joseph the son of Jacob in Genesis the first book of the Bible verse

Chapter 37 to 50. Abraham is the prominent figure in Genesis Chapter 12 to 25. Joseph is the prominent personality in Genesis Chapter 37 to 50. One writer has pointed out over 100 points of comparison or analogy between the Messiah and Joseph. Another has even presented about 130 features. Such a large portion of Genesis is devoted to his story because he's probably the most complete picture of our Lord in the Old Testament. In rabbinical literature, no patriarch was the subject of so many legends as was Joseph. He's called by the rabbis Sadik Gamuare, the perfect righteous one or the perfect saints. Even messiah the Son of Joseph is credited to him. Among the many features of similarity between Christ and Joseph, well first of all the circumstances of the early life. Joseph was greatly beloved of his father. The record reads now, "Israel loved Joseph more than all his children because he was the son of his old age and he made him a Coat of Many Colors." With regard to the Messiah both at the baptism and at the Mount of transfiguration God bore testimony that Jesus is the beloved Son of God. The Lord Jesus himself said in John 10:17, "Therefore death the father loved me because I lay down my life that I may take it again." Joseph was furthermore sent to his brethren and Israel said unto Joseph, "Are not thy brethren feeding the flock and check them? Come and I will send the unto them. And he said to them, here am I." Of the Messiah, it is written and the Lord of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? I will send my beloved son." It may be they will reverence him.

The deeds of Joseph's brothers were evil. Joseph brought the evil report of them onto their father we read in Genesis. And Christ said of his contemporaries and John 3, "And this is the judgment of the light is come into the world and men love the darkness rather than the light for their works were evil. What everyone do with evil hate with the light and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reprov'd." Now though Joseph knew the deeds of his brethren were evil, he went to seek them. He sought after them. When asked whom he sought he said I'm seeking my brother and tell me I pray thee with where they are feeding the flock. Similarly, when Messiah came to Earth, he said, "I was not sent, but under the lost sheep of the House of Israel." He came to seek out and to save the lost. He came into his own things and they who were his very own received Him not. He came as a minister to Israel to confirm the promises made under the fathers. Finally it's to be noticed that Joseph began his life work at the age of 30. Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh King of Egypt. Of Christ we read, and Jesus himself when he began to teach was about thirty years of age.

Now the chief feature of their lives is the love they enjoy. Joseph from his father Jacob and our Lord the messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, from his heavenly father. When the laws of Prussia allowed mixed marriages it often happened that one of the parties was Jewish and the other party was Christian. An equal yoke that the Bible says very definitely is not to be entered into. Well, Dr. Jacoby of Keating's Burg told of a husband who was a Jew and his wife a Christian who used

to attend services in his church. They had one daughter about ten years of age. Many children of their city were taken ill with measles and among them was this child who became dangerously ill. She was a believing child with no fear of death happy at the prospect of going soon to be with her beloved savior, by her side sat her heavy hearted father to whom she said father. When I go to heaven, and my dear savior will say "Annie why does your father hate me?" What answer shall I give to him? The father was visibly, greatly troubled at his little daughter's question. He turned his face away from her. For a little while a great struggle was evidently going on within his soul. Then he turned his face again and in a voice soft and low he said, "Annie, my dear child, tell the Savior that I love him. I did not love him before, but I do love him now." Annie smiled sweetly and soon after in perfect peace and joy passed away into the presence of her savior.

The later career of her father proved that his confession of love to Christ on that solemn occasion was sincere and genuine. Christ beloved of the father should be the object of the love of each one of us. And secondly the lives of Joseph and Christ were parallel in the conduct of their brethren. We read that Joseph was envied of his brethren. The scripture states and his brethren envied him. Envy, you remember was at the root of the opposition to Christ in his ministry. When therefore they were gathered together we read Pilate said unto them, "Who will you that I release unto you? Barabbas or Jesus who was called Christ?" For he knew, that for envy they had delivered him up.

Joseph was also hated by his brother and his brother and saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren and they hated him and could not speak peaceably unto him. And Joseph dreamed a dream and he told it to his brother and they hated him yet the more. Likewise the life of Messiah was marked by the continued relentless unremitting hatred of his brother. He told them the world cannot hate you, but me and hate's, because I testified of it that its works are evil, but Joseph's brethren were not content to stop at hatred. They conspired, they plotted against him to bring about his downfall and they saw him a far of and before he came near unto them they conspired against him to slay him. Here these words concerning the Messiah. "But the Pharisees went out and they took counsel against him how they might destroy him." Joseph, you remember was stripped by his brethren and came to pass when Joseph was come onto his brethren that they stripped Joseph in his coat, the coat of many colors that was on him. Our messiah we learn and they stripped him and put on him a scarlet robe. Joseph was then cast into the pit and they took him and cast him into the pit and the pit was empty. Said Christ, "While as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Notice further the very close parallel Joseph was sold for silver and there passed by Midianites, merchantman and they drew, that's Joseph's

brother, they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit and sold Joseph to the Ishmael lights for twenty pieces of silver.

It was his brother Judah who suggested the shameful transaction. In fulfillment of the prophecy of Zachariah, Jesus the Messiah the Great Shepherd of Israel was sold for thirty pieces of silver. The price of a slave and one of the twelve who was called Judas Iscariot went into the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me and I will deliver him unto you." And they weighed unto him thirty pieces of silver. Notice it was Judas, the same name as the Old Testament Judah who betrayed him. In order to hide their crime, Joseph's brothers presented a garment with sprinkled blood to their father. In the case of the Messiah he himself presented his wonder working, his efficacious blood to the father as the evidence of a finished redemption, just as the high priest in symbol, in type, in illustration, in Israel presented the blood before the mercy seat on the Day of Atonement. During the Great Plague in Marseilles in France, the doctors needed someone to dissect a body and probably die. Said one of the physicians, "Tomorrow morning I will dissect." He made his will, he went to the hospital, he carried out his task, and he wrote out the results and died in twelve hours. What a beautiful picture of self-sacrifice of thought for only others of marvelous altruism. Our Savior gives the greatest picture of suffering and sacrifice for his enemies, not his friends.

Finally the similarity between Christ and Joseph in the commendation in the praise they receive by God. Joseph did please his master down there in Egypt because he read and Joseph found favor in his sight and he ministered under him as to [inaudible] and he made him overseer over his house and all that he had put into his hand. The Messiah had this wonderful assurance and he sent me is with me, he hath not left me alone for I do all the things that are pleasing to him. Christ could say without exaggeration not just carried away with the enthusiasm of the hour, he could say I do always have things that are pleasing to the father. Joseph was prosper by God the Lord bless the Egyptians house for Joseph sake and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the House and in the field left all that he had in Joseph's hand and knew not aught that was with him say the bread which you did eat. Isaiah foretold of the prospering of the working Messiah, "Yet it pleased the Lord the bruise him, he had put him to grief when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin he shall see his seed he shall prolong his days and the pleasure of the launch will prosper and his hand. Just as Joseph was delivered from prison. The Messiah was delivered from the prison house of death and the grave. After his release from the dungeon. Joseph was exalted as second to pharaoh in Egypt. After Messiah's death for the world he has been exalted the right hand of God the Father. Joseph ultimately found himself on the throne of another. Messiah sits this day on the throne of God the Father. On the throne, Joseph was the deliverer of a world perishing for bread. Messiah feeds hungry souls today with the

bread of life. At last Joseph was made known to his brethren the second time. Christ will be recognized as King Savior and redeemer when Israel sees him again.

A Jewish boy reared in a pious Jewish home, lived in a Hungarian village, where as a boy he saw again and again a crucifix and people kneeling and praying before. He sought the head of the crucifix four mysterious letters. I N R I. Often he ask himself what they meant, that crucified figure as well as those four letters and nobody among his own people would tell them were even interested as a matter of fact. This perplexity lasted until grew up and then for the first time a New Testament fell into his hands, the existence of which he didn't know up until then. He was taken by surprise when he read for the first time the story of Jesus and His crucifixion as well as the meaning of those four mysterious letters that had puzzled him during his boyhood. The scales fell from his eyes and Jesus Nazarinus Rexyou die or him, Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews, became his king and redeemer. This prefigures what will happen one day to Israel as a nation they will recognize acknowledge him. The life of Joseph is in itself a prophecy of the greater than Joseph the messiah of Israel, beloved, suffering, exalted, receive him friend. He will give you eternal life.

Our God and Father, we pray that this broadcast and its message in music vocal and instrumental in its message in the life of Joseph is a marvelous parallel. To the Lord Jesus in a sight of Israel or how many may see that he's suffering and he was buried, he was exalted immortally my [inaudible] was pardoned and forgiveness and a resurrected life with power to live it. Make the message our father living and attractive to hearts, Jewish hearts listen we pray in Jesus name amen.

[Music 26:00 -27:10]

Friends, since the beginning of the messianic hour, now in his 20th year the dedicated purpose and vision have been to reach our Jewish friends with the truth concerning God's son Lord Jesus Christ. We have found by experience that radio is the most advantageous tool to reach those who would not otherwise attend any gospel service. It is one of the most inexpensive means of touching large segments of any population. In order to make possible these broadcasts and to maintain their outreach staff members themselves have given generously. To carry the heavy load they do need your help, every gift received without deduction goes directly to the specific ministry of reaching the Jewish people with the news of the Messiah our savior. We'd greatly appreciate your daily remembrance of this work in your prayers and as the Lord speaks to your heart. Invest in reaching for Jewish people for Christ. Our meeting addresses the messianic our post office box 11 0 2. That's box 1 1 0 2 Whittier California zip code 9 0 6 0 3. We trust we be here from many of you. It would be such an encouragement to every one of us our soloist today was Dave Efland, Tom Leonard at the organ. Now this is Charles Feinberg thanking you

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for listening, for your faithful prayers, and for your zealous witness on behalf of those to whom the Lord reminded us to take the Gospel first. Listen again with your Jewish friends and neighbors and all your friends next week at the same time for the messianic hour.

[Music 28:30- end]