# "The Master's House" Joseph (Part 12)

"He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." (Song of Songs 2:4)

## **The Next Level**

Genesis 43:15-17 – (15) "So the men took this present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin. They arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph. (16) When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, 'Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon.' (17) The man did as Joseph told him and brought the men to Joseph's house."

## **Payment in Full**

Genesis 43:18-23 – (18) "And the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, 'It is because of the money, which was replaced in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may assault us and fall upon us to make us servants and seize our donkeys.' (19) So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the door of the house, (20) and said, 'Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food. (21) And when we came to the lodging place we opened our sacks, and there was each man's money in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it again with us, (22) and we have brought other money down with us to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks.' (23) He replied, 'Peace to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has put treasure in your sacks for you. I received your money.' Then he brought Simeon out to them."

How do I feel about going to my Lord's house? Do I have trepidation in regards to the next level?

## **Family Feast**

Genesis 43:24-34 – (24) "And when the man had brought the men into Joseph's house and given them water, and they had washed their feet, and when he had given their donkeys fodder, (25) they prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there. (26) When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present that they had with them and bowed down

to him to the ground. (27) And he inquired about their welfare and said, 'Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?' (28) They said, 'Your servant our father is well; he is still alive.' And they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves. (29) And he lifted up his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, 'Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!' (30) Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there. (31) Then he washed his face and came out. And controlling himself he said, 'Serve the food.' (32) They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. (33) And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth. And the men looked at one another in amazement. (34) Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank and were merry with him."

#### **Looking forward to Going Home**

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:1-2)

## **Serving the Servants**

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them." (Luke 12:37)

## Come & Dine

"Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure'— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are the true words of God.'" (Revelation 19:6-9)

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