



HOUSE OF GRACE FELLOWSHIP



Provision in the Place of Nearness

Joseph as a Picture of Jesus



Parallels between Joseph and our Lord Jesus:

#1

**Joseph was
greatly loved by
his father**

**Jesus was
greatly loved by
God the Father.**

Matthew 3:16-17

and behold, a voice from heaven said, ***“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”***

Matthew 4: 2-3

“After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

John 13:1

“Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”

Galatians 2:20

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**Joseph and his
younger brother,
Benjamin, were born
of the same mother.
Rachel-a picture of
Grace.**

**Our Lord Jesus
Himself is the
embodiment of
grace.**

Jacob + Leah

10 children

Jacob + Rachel

**Joseph
Benjamin**

Parallels between Joseph and our Lord Jesus:

#3

**Joseph was persecuted
by his older brothers,
who sold him to slave
traders out of jealousy
for 20 pieces of silver
(Gen. 37:12–36)**

**Jesus was betrayed by
Judas out of jealousy
and envy for 30 pieces
of silver.
(Matt. 27:18).**

Parallels between Joseph and our Lord Jesus:

#4

**Joseph provided grain
and food to the children
of Israel during a time
of famine**

**Our Lord Jesus is the
bread of life to us.**

Parallels between Joseph and our Lord Jesus:

#5

**Joseph took a
Gentile bride,
Asenath**

**Jesus calls us, the
Gentile Church, His
bride.**

Parallels between Joseph and our Lord Jesus:

#6

The first time Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, they did not recognize him.

But the second time Joseph appeared to his brothers, he revealed himself to them.

Israel did not recognize Jesus in His first coming.

Jesus will reveal Himself to Israel in His second coming.

“So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “**Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do.”**”

— Genesis 41:55 NKJV

“And the famine has been over all the face of the land, and **Joseph openeth all [places] which have [corn] in them**, and selleth to the Egyptians; and the famine is severe in the land of Egypt,”— Genesis 41:56 YLT

“When Joseph saw Benjamin with them,
he said to the steward of his house,
"Take these men to my home, and
slaughter an animal and make ready; for
these men will dine with me at noon."”—
Genesis 43:16 NKJV

“Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, “Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?” And he said, “**God be gracious to you, my son.**”

— Genesis 43:29 NKJV

“And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name **Ben-Oni** (*son of my sorrow*); but his father called him **Benjamin** (*son of my right hand*).”
— Genesis 35:18 NKJV

“Now his heart yearned for his brother; so Joseph made haste and sought somewhere to weep. And he went into his chamber and wept there. Then he washed his face and came out; and he restrained himself, and said, **“Serve the bread.”**—
Genesis 43:30–31 NKJV

“Then he took servings to them from before him, **but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs.** So they drank and were merry with him.”

— Genesis 43:34 NKJV

**The Benjamin Generation will
be a generation that receives
five times more blessings from
the Lord!**

“He gave to all of them, to each man,
changes of garments; **but to
Benjamin he gave three hundred
pieces of silver and five changes
of garments.**”

— Genesis 45:22 NKJV

The Benjamin Generation will experience five times more anointing, revelation, provision, strength, and healing!

God wants the Benjamin Generation to come close to Him. He desires for us to be near to Him and to see that He only has grace—not judgment or wrath—to pour out on us.

“And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.”

— Genesis 43:23 KJV

**Our Lord Jesus loves for us
to be close to Him.**

“But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

**“Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him,
‘Thus says your son Joseph: “God has made
me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not
tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen,
and you shall be near to me, you and your
children, your children’s children, your flocks
and your herds, and all that you have. There I
will provide for you, lest you and your
household, and all that you have, come to
poverty; for there are still five years of
famine.”**

“And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you. So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here.”—Genesis 45:4–13 NKJV

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“Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.””

— Mark 1:17 NKJV

**There's provision in
a place of nearness**

*“To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them **beauty for ashes**,
The oil of joy for mourning,
**The garment of praise for the spirit of
heaviness;**
That they may be called trees of
righteousness,
**The planting of the Lord, that He may be
glorified.”—Isaiah 61:3 NKJV***

The more you spend time in worship, in His presence, the more you will experience His love for you afresh, and receive His blessings and provisions for your life!

Just like Joseph told his brothers, “*You shall dwell near me, and there I will provide for you*” (Gen. 45:10–11), Jesus is calling us today:

- Draw near in worship.*
- Draw near in trust.*
- Draw near in rest.*

In that place of nearness, you'll find that the famine cannot touch you, because your heavenly Joseph has five times more waiting for you.



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