

**THE MASTERCRAFT:
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TEXT Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² ...darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light” (the word), **and there was light (it happened)**. ⁴ God saw that the light was good (physical manifestation), and He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.”

God spoke the word first, it came to be and His eyes saw that the outcome was beautiful.

The same principle that God used in His creation is what He uses for us today. In everything or situation, darkness (or lack of clarity) is always the first to take its place. But God’s word comes to shine light into the darkness. So long as we believe it, that light will shine physically and people will see it.

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

6For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **7**Now we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this surpassingly great power is from God and not from us.

We need to tap into this great power.

1 Corinthians 2:7-13 “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” ... But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For His Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. ... And we have received God’s Spirit, so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

It that if I need to know what I need to be doing on earth, I need to ask God.

Revelation is Powerful

In Gen 37, Joseph allowed the light of God to shine out for people to see it.

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.”

⁸ His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” ¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?” ¹¹ **His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.**

Gen 37

¹² One day when Joseph's brothers had taken the sheep to a pasture near Shechem, his father asked him to "Go and find out how your brothers and the sheep are doing."

"Yes, sir," Joseph answered.

²³ When Joseph came to his brothers, they pulled off his fancy coat ²⁴ and threw him into a dry well.

²⁸ When the Midianite merchants came by, Joseph's brothers took him out of the well, and for twenty pieces of silver they sold him to the Ishmaelites who took him to Egypt.

³⁶ the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to a man named Potiphar, who was the king's official in charge of the palace guard.

Gen 39

39 When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

² The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. JOSEPH PUT HIS LIFE COMPLETELY IN GOD'S HANDS!

When Potiphar's wife wanted to lure him into sin, ... ⁹ No one in my master's house is more important than I am. The only thing he hasn't given me is you, and that's because you are his wife. I won't sin against God by doing such a terrible thing as this."

The wife lied against Joseph. ¹⁹ Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her. ²⁰ So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained.

²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the LORD made Joseph a favorite with the prison jailer. ²³ The jailer did not worry about

anything, because the LORD was with Joseph and made him successful in all that he did.

God gave Joseph knowledge and wisdom to interpret dreams (of course he had done so before).

So he was selected to interpret the King's dream. He interpreted and also proffered solution to emanating famine.

King made Joseph governor in Egypt. He gathered grains in time of plenty and sold in time of famine.

Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt To Buy Grain

GEN 42: When Jacob found out there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why are you just sitting here, staring at one another? ² I have heard there is grain in Egypt. Now go down and buy some, so we won't starve to death."

⁶ Since Joseph was governor of Egypt and in charge of selling grain, his brothers came to him and bowed with their faces to the ground. ⁷⁻⁸ They did not recognize Joseph, but right away he knew who they were, though he pretended not to know.

Instead, he spoke harshly and asked, “Where do you come from?”

“From the land of Canaan,” they answered. “We’ve come here to buy grain.”

⁹ Joseph remembered what he had dreamed about them and said, “You’re spies! You’ve come here to find out where our country is weak.”

¹⁰ “No sir,” they replied. “We’re your servants, and we have only come to buy grain. ¹¹ We’re honest men, and we come from the same family—we’re not spies.”

¹² “That isn’t so!” Joseph insisted. “You’ve come here to find out where our country is weak.”

¹³ But they explained, “Sir, we come from a family of twelve brothers. The youngest is still with our father in Canaan, and one of our brothers is dead.”

46 Jacob packed up everything he owned and left for Egypt.

²⁸ Jacob had sent his son Judah ahead of him to ask Joseph to meet them in Goshen. ²⁹ So Joseph got in his chariot and went to meet his father. When they met, Joseph hugged his father around the neck and cried for a long time.

³¹ Then Joseph said to his brothers and to everyone who had come with them:
I must go and tell the king^[e] that you have arrived from Canaan.

Gen 37, the light of God in Joseph shined even beyond every odds.

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Brethren, that is exactly what has happened;

Joseph’s father, mother and eleven brothers bowed down to him.

Conclusion

- **We must allow God to reveal tomorrow to us.**

Psalm 119:130

“The entrance of God’s words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”

That light from His word shines to bring clarity to darkness

- **We must believe that revelation.**

Joseph shared his vision with his brothers and father because he believed what he saw.

Luke 1:45 “Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord’s word to her will be fulfilled.”

- **It does not matter what is happening along the way, God’s word must be fulfilled.**

His light must shine and be manifested in the physical

Habakkuk 2: 2-3 “The LORD said: “write down this vision and clearly inscribe it on tablets; This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

So Brethren, let’s allow God’s light to shine in us and let’s be faithful, patience, and yet hardworking as that vision undergoes the brewing required manifest physically.