



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

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| Scripture: | Genesis 47 | Title: | Goshen, A Place of Refuge. |
| Author: | Ps Rosita Cristobal | | |
| Summary of Chapter: | In this passage, we can see Jacob thanking and praising God for the reunion between him and Joseph whom he had not seen for more than 22 years. There was a severe famine in Canaan. So Joseph invited Jacob and his family to live with him in Egypt. With God's provision and Joseph's good standing with Pharaoh, his family gained permission to settle in Goshen. Goshen means a place of comfort and plenty. There, God prospered Jacob and his family, and they grew in number. They not only found a place of comfort and plenty, but also a place of refuge and safety. | | |
| Key Verses (NLT): | How does it speak to me? | | |
| <i>6 "choose any place in the entire land of Egypt for them to live. Give them the best land in Egypt. Let them live in the region of Goshen. And if any of them have special skills, put them in charge of my livestock, too."</i> | Similarly, I thank God for Singapore, the place where I believe is Goshen for me and my family. Unlike Jacob's family who came to Goshen due to famine, my husband and I came to Singapore in obedience to God's calling. I am grateful to God for He is true to His promise. He gave us the best land to stay, a place of comfort and safety. In this Goshen, God provided all our needs and increase in numbers from two to four, to many. That includes our two daughters, our extended family, the Grace Filipino ministry members and all Gracians too. In this Goshen we found a place of refuge and safety. How about you? What is your Goshen? Have you found your Goshen? Let us remember, too, that God Himself is our place of refuge and safety - our true ultimate Goshen! Even though this period of time might be tough for you, be strong in the Lord, keep your mind on Him and continually give Him praise for all that He has provided for you, from sunrise to sunset. Psalm 91:2 says, <i>This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.</i> | | |
| APPLICATION QUESTIONS: | | | |
| Adult: | Have you found your Goshen? Are you satisfied with your Goshen? If your answer is yes, praise and thank God for it. If your answer is no, be honest with God and talk to Him about it. | | |
| Youth: | Can you think of an instance that God has been your refuge? How would you thank God for it? | | |
| Child: | Build with blocks or draw a house which you think is safe to live in. Talk about what your parents can do or say to make you feel safe (and secure). | | |
| PRAYER: | | | |
| Praying Scripture: | Dear God, thank You for all Your provision to us in times of need. Thank You too for being our Goshen, our place of refuge and safety, in whom we can hide. May You find us grateful and faithful each day. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. | | |
| Thanksgiving Prayer: | I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc) | | |
| Intercessory Prayer: | I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc) | | |
| Salvation Prayer: | I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen. | | |