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Genesis 41: 55: And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

Pharaoh set Joseph over all Egypt. Joseph did all the work necessary so that when the people saw that they were in a famine there would be bread to save them. But when the people cried to Pharaoh for bread, Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go unto Joseph: what he saith to you, do.”

God has set Christ over all things in heaven and in earth, especially over all things pertaining to salvation for his people. Christ has finished the work necessary so that when each of his people is brought to see they are in a famine there will be Bread to save them. But there is no coming to God for salvation. God says to all the people of his holy nation, “Go unto Christ; what he saith to you, do.”

What does Christ say? He says believe on him. (Jn 3: 35-36; 17: 2-3) Christ says, “Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Mt 11: 28) Imagine what the people in Egypt had to do when they saw they were famished: they had to admit they could not feed themselves; they had to turn from trying to save themselves and they had to come to Joseph who had the key to the storehouse. In spiritual terms, that is called repentance and faith. God says, “Go to Christ; what he says to you, do.” Christ says, “Except ye repent, ye shall all perish.” He says, “Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.” (Lu 13: 3, 5; Jn 6: 53) We must lose our life: repent from our good opinion of ourselves, our thoughts, our ways and our works. We must come to Christ who is the Bread and who has the key to the storehouse of grace and we must believe on him. (Jn 12: 24-26)

Imagine if someone in that famine refused to turn from his dried-up garden and go to Joseph. There would be no description for him but hard-headed, hard-hearted, and stiff-necked. Sinner, flee to Christ. Throughout, the scriptures declare that all things pertaining to life, salvation, mercy, and heaven have been given into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ. God says, “Go unto Christ; what he saith to you, do.” “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” (Heb 7: 25)