

SOUTH GROVE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LONDON

Lord's Day Afternoon

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Read: Genesis 41:39-45 Text Genesis 41:45

**Series: Joseph Title: Joseph's Name Zaph-nath-paa-neah**

**When Joseph was exalted, he was given a new or another name, a title to reflect his person, and position in ruling Egypt.**

**The name chosen in **verse 45**, was Zaph-nath-paa-neah.**

**Zaph-nath-paa-neah**, has many different meanings, such as **the revealer of secrets, the Saviour of the world, the food of life, or the food of the living.**

Among them all, **the Saviour of the world,** is mostly favoured, and it is also the meaning of the name given in the Bible margin.

However, all the meanings of Zaph-nath-paa-neah are found in the life of Joseph, **because he was of all these descriptions.**

He was **the revealer of secrets.** Once Joseph heard the dreams of the Butler, Baker and Pharaoh, God gave him the interpretation of the dreams, then Joseph revealed the meaning and message of the dreams. He revealed the secrets, he made them known.

Furthermore, as **the Saviour of the world,** Joseph provides and preserves the nation. He saves all who come unto him in the time of famine. He delivers from death.

**As the food of life, or the food of the living, in verse 55 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.** Joseph gave food,

he met the need of those in poverty. He satisfies their hunger. He sustains their lives. Through Joseph's giving food, a multitude throughout the nations were saved, and kept alive.

***Joseph is the revealer of secrets, the Saviour of the world, the food of life, or the food of the living***

Again, in the life of Joseph we see a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is a greater than Joseph.

Jesus Christ is **the revealer of secrets** in that He delivered and made known the word and will of God to guilty sinners.

He is **the Saviour of the world**, He alone is **the bread of heaven**, He alone satisfies the soul, as none but Christ can satisfy in Him is life abundant, eternal life.

**These names are brought together in the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Think of John 4. On that occasion the Saviour must needs go through Samaria for the salvation of an ungodly woman.

A woman who was living in sin. A woman who had broken and continually broke the law of God.

In conversation with the woman, we learn in **John 4** the Saviour delivers the message of God, by exposing her sinful lifestyle, He reveals her secret sin. He makes known to her the message of God, He alone is the water of life, the one who satisfies.

In **verse 19** ***The woman saith unto Him, sir, I perceive thou art a prophet.***

Others may not have known her secret sins and her living situation, but Christ knew.

In fact after this woman was gloriously saved, she said to others, in **verse 29** ***“come see a man which told me all things that ever I did, is not this the Christ?”***

**Christ exposed her sin and then He erased her sin.**

She understood Christ is the water of life, meaning He is everlasting life.

She believed the object lesson He taught. She grasps that the physical water she drank only met a temporal need there and then, but soon she would need more, for she would thirst again.

However, Jesus Christ is the water of life, He completely eternally satisfies the thirsty soul, all who trust in Him shall never thirst again. He is living water.

This is seen at the cross, where, Christ thirsted, that all who believe on Him shall never thirst.

The now forgiven woman ***left her waterpot***, symbolising, forsaking the temporal for the eternal.

From drinking the water at the well to spiritual drinking the water of life, Jesus Christ Himself.

Now possessing everlasting life, she spread the message of living water, the one who revealed her secret sin, who uncovered her darkness, and forgive all her sin.

By her witness, the people came to Christ, they believed on His word, they said in **verse 42** “...***we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.***”

There was none other, no other Saviour. These words focus upon Christ, who has revealed the message of God, and they testified ***this is indeed the Saviour of the world.***

The word **indeed**, means ***truly or it is truth, or of a truth***. This is truly ***the Saviour of the world.***

Remember the Lord Jesus taught, in **John 6:35** “***And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me***

***shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*** Christ is the manna from above, He alone fills the void and hunger left by sin.

As we think of Joseph's name Zaph-nath-paa-neh, may we see a greater than Joseph.

The Lord Jesus Christ our Zaph-nath-paa-neh, ***the revealer of secrets, the Saviour of the world, our living bread.***

***I FIRST, THE GIVING OF THE NAME ZAPH-NATH-PAA-NEAH.***

**Verse 45** “***and Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaph-nath-paa-neh...***” It was Pharaoh who gave Joseph his name. It was a special, and specific name only given to him.

Therefore, this name was given by another.

In Bible times name was given for a purpose, to reveal details, information about the person, their characteristics, a role they will carry out, or the place where an event took place in their life.

The person and meaning of name would often be identified with a certain location because something important took place at that location.

The point is the name was not a random name, or a guess or based on popularity.

Rather when Pharaoh gave Joseph the name ***Zaph-nath-paa-neh*** it signified how Pharaoh viewed Joseph, ***one who revealed the message of God, one who would save and preserve the nation. One who would give bread in a time of famine.***

Joseph had all acceptance, ability and power to save the nation and surrounding nations from death by famine.

**Joseph's new name was symbolic of the office he was to fill in Egypt as ruler.**

It was a name that represented a people, he was given and sent to rescue, a multitude of needy people from the dreadful and deadly famine.

Remember Joseph said himself when speaking to his brethren, in **Genesis 45:7** “ **and God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.** **Genesis 50:20** “ **as it is this day to save much people alive.”**

Joseph is the preserver, deliverer, Saviour of the world. That means the only preserver, Saviour, the world has been given by Pharaoh.

The world in view included Jews which were his own brethren but also Gentile nations such as Egypt and surrounding nations.

After the seven years of plenty there were seven years of famine in the land. There would be dearth, a barrenness, an emptiness.

Yet all who came to Joseph in the famine were preserved.

All who believed the message were told in **Genesis 41:55** “**go unto Joseph, what he saith to you do.**”

As we think of the giving of Christ's name, we read in **Matthew 1**, that angel delivered to Mary and Joseph the name that was chosen. **Matthew 1:21** “**...thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.**” Mary and Joseph were given the special, and specific given only to Christ.

Isaiah prophesied in **Isaiah 9:6** “**...His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace.**”

While it is true, Jesus Christ has many names, yet they are given to show the one they belong to is the revealer of secrets, the Saviour of the world.

**John 1:18** *He hath declared Him* that is Christ has declared God's will and word for the salvation of His people.

Peter preached in **Acts 4:12** "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*" there is no other name to save men and woman on earth only Christ.

The name Jesus was given for show the great purpose of Christ's coming was to save a multitude of sinners that no man can number.

Christ came to deliver sinners from the spiritual famine in their soul, and poverty stricken because of sin.

Through Christ all the nations of the earth would be blessed. Out of every nation there is a people He came to save from the destruction.

He saves, makes alive, giving men and woman new life worth living, hope for the future, a joy that is overflowing.

Christ is the revealer of secrets, the Saviour of the world and living food.

All you need for salvation, life and eternity is found in Him, our Zaph-nath-paa-neah.

## **II SECOND, THE GLORY OF THE NAME ZAPH-NATH-PAA-NEAH**

**Verse 45** "*and Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaph-nath-paa-neah...*"

Joseph's new name was a glorious name. It was a high and exalted name.

It was a name that set Joseph apart within and over the Kingdom. It was name that was to be praise and honoured.

When Pharaoh stood in Joseph's presence and heard his wisdom, Pharaoh, asked in **verse 38** "...*can we find such a one as this is...*"

In other words, within the kingdom, Pharaoh knew there was none to be compared to Joseph. His walk, worth and wisdom was far above all.

Really Pharaoh seen no other Saviour, deliverer, preserver, to meet the need, except Joseph.

There was no one else he would lift up, but Joseph.

You see the name represents the person, it stands and refers to all who the person is, therefore, It was at Joseph's name the people in the kingdom would honour.

The build up to the name is recorded in **verse 41-45**, Pharaoh said *I have set thee over all the land of Egypt, without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.*

As Joseph triumphantly went out around the Kingdom the people in **verse 43** "...*cried before him...*" because his name demanded reverence.

Zaph-nath-paa-neah was a glorious name and it pointed to one highly exalted.

He was given the first place within the Kingdom.

When we think of the name Jesus, the Apostle Paul said in **Philippians 2:9** *wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name.*

Christ's name is a glorious name, a name far above all.

In **Luke 1**, the angel delivered the message to the virgin Mary who was favoured by God, among women, to give birth to the Saviour of the world.

**Luke 1:30-33** *Thou shalt call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: <sup>33</sup> And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.*

***Words concerning His first and second coming.***

Upon His throne, seated at God's right hand, the Lord reigns and rules from heaven His dwelling place and one day He will continue that rule and reign on earth.

His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom. He can never be defeated or dethroned. There is none to be compared to Him. His name is a glorious name.

**Philippians 2:10-11** *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

***Through His name is the forgiveness of sin, help in times of trouble, strength in weakness, grace to serve, supply through life.***

***His name is a glorious name.***

***No wonder why Paul said desired in Colossians 1:19 that in all things He might have the preeminence.***

That means ***He might have first place in everything.***

To be first in rank, to hold the chief place, to have the highest place or honour. He is all worthy to receive all glory honour and praise. His name demands all attention, worship, adoration and respect.

Believer do we make way for Him, humble ourselves before Him. Do we give Him the first place in our life, In trials, famines, troubles, in need do you come to Him.



In your time, home, marriage, living, giving, hobbies, praise, worship, church services, prayer meetings, does He have first place, or depends what is left.

**Make way for Christ and He will make the way for you.** seek Him first, put Him first and He will add unto you.

His name is a glorious name because He is exalted.

Unbeliever, there is hope for you, His name conquerors sin, dethrones your idols, cancels your eternal debt, therefore, give Him first place now, put whatever it is or wherever you need to go, aside and come to Jesus Christ, go to Him.

### **III THIRD, THE GREATNESS OF THE NAME ZAPH-NATH-PAA-NEAH**

The greatness of Joseph's name rests in the fact that by Joseph there was the accomplishment and application of His work.

He was able to do what He was asked and chosen to do. He saved the people from death by famine. He kept them through it by his abundance riches.

Therefore, believer, the greatness of Christ's name our Zaph-nath-paa-neah. Through Him redemption is accomplished and applied. He came to save His people from their sins, and upon the cross. He finished that work.

And now we are kept, preserved by His power.

It's not my greatness that saves me, because I am weak, but His greatness has saved, kept and preserves me.

As the Saviour of the world, He is the Saviour of all who have believed on Him, all who have put their faith in Him. Not all men have faith in Him, therefore, He is not your Saviour.

Come today and know His greatness in pardon, provision and preservation.

Jesus Christ our Zaph-nath-paa-neah.