

Intro:

Main Point of Text: All nations had to go through Joseph to survive the famine, for he alone had harvested plenty.

Sermon Point: *Jesus has plenty of grace.*

Move 1: Jesus graciously helps you forget and makes you fruitful.

Names of Joseph's Sons express God's work and working in his life:

- Vs. 51: Manasseh: "causing to forget".
 - All my toil (years of hard preparation).
 - "All my father's house". Luther: Joseph essentially says God has made him rely on God alone.
- Vs. 52: Ephraim: "I shall be doubly fruitful". Like Job 42:12: doubled all he began with in the end.

Move 2: Feast on the mercy of Christ to survive this world's famine.

Vs. 47: there was plenty. Vs. 53: it ended. READ Luke 12:15-21; 29-34.

Move 3: Trade in your wilted works for the Bread of Life.

Vss. 44-47. Vs. 45: Joseph's name means "Savior of the World." Type of Jesus. Joseph is THE way to life. People had to come and buy from him to live. So must all make an exchange with Messiah to get into His Father's house. Isaiah 55:1-2. Revelation 3:18.

Move 4: You can never exhaust the heavenly treasures stored up by Jesus for you.

Vss. 48-49: picture of Jesus' abundant life stored up for you in heaven to be lived out here:

- *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:19)
- *... we have redemption ... according to the riches of his grace;* (Ephesians 1:7)
- *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you ...* (1 Pet. 1:3-4)

Conclusion:

Jesus has plenty of grace.