

**Scripture:** God's Law (Ex. 20) – John 1:1-18      Series Joseph #3  
**Singing:** 259:1-3, 6 – 110:1 – 53 – 303 – 255:3-4

**The Father's love for His Son**

I. Reflected in Jacob's love for Joseph

II. Reflected in Joseph's dreams about His future

I. The Father's love for His Son as seen in Jacob's love for Joseph

A. Jacob's bond with Joseph was more than 'natural' father and son

B. Jacob love for Joseph is faint reflection of Father's love to His Son

1. The 'glimpses' God gives of Himself: Prov. 8:22-31; John 1:1, 18

2. John's Gospel exalts the *Father's love for His Son*: 3:35; 5:20;  
10:17; 15:9, 10; 17:23, 24, 26

3. Father's love for His Son is the fountain of all God's actions

a. the work of Creation was 'for Him' (Col. 1:16)

b. man's creation was in the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29)

c. man's redemption was to restore image of His Son in us

d. the universe's renewal is again to restore the glory of His Son

C. The Father's love for His Son is *foreshadowed in Joseph's coat: this*

1. observe the circumstances in Jesus' life story which honor Him

2. observe God's message to us by His honor to His Son: Matt. 17:5

D. Reflect: *Do you bow before the greater Joseph, Jesus Christ?*

II. The Father's love for His Son as reflected in Joseph's dreams

A. Joseph's dreams go so much deeper than Joseph's life

1. vs. 5-8: *earthly scene* - vs. 9-11: *heavenly scene*

2. Joseph dreams predicted his exaltation (vs. 8, 10)

B. Joseph's dreams are predictive of Jesus Christ's glory as King of glory

1. vs. 5-8: *He was hated and loved on earth as the King*

2. vs. 9-11: *He is exalted above all names (Phil.2:9-10)*

C. Where are you in 'dreams of greater Joseph?'

1. It is the Father Who calls us to *kiss the Son* (Ps. 2:12)

a. God calls you to submit

b. God reminds you your life is not for your glory

c. A life that does not exist to glorify the Son is not just *failed life*

2. Our duty is to kiss the Son before He is angry

a. that implies He is still willing to kiss us as well

b. why let His call go unanswered?

c. when the Father will send His Son back to earth, His coming is not like His first coming

3. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him