

**Scripture:** Genesis 41:46-57 Series Joseph #9  
**Singing:** 297:1-3 – 210:1, 4, 5 – 187:2-3 – 415:3, 6

Intro: *The more you search in Scripture, the more you will be searched!*

<b>The God's Direction to a Lost &amp; Seeking Sinner: Go unto Jesus!</b>
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- A. We are all lost sinners – even seeking though not for God (Is. 55:2)
1. Egypt's short history pictures *plenty* followed with *famine* (vs. 53-55)
    - a. this is how mankind started (Gen. 1-2)
  
    - b. through sin we created a famine greater than Egypt faced (Gen. 3)
  
  2. If you *feel* not famished the fact remains you lost entirely (Is. 57:20)
    - a. what are you without a reconciled relationship with God?
  
    - d. dig a little deeper than your *surface feelings*
  
  3. If above described you, then hear the summons of God: *Go to Jesus!*
- B. Some are lost sinners *but seeking God* (Acts 8:26-28; 10:1-2)
1. Dig within: *what spurs you on to seek God?*
  
  
  2. Would you be satisfied with Egypt's riches if they were offered to you?
  
  
  3. If the above describe you, God's direction is still the same: *Go to Jesus and what he saith to you, do!*
    - a. Hear the Father: *This is My Son in Whom I am well-pleased: hear Him*
  
    - b. Go to Jesus *first* (John 10:9; 14:6)
- C. Some are lost & seeking sinners *finding pleasure in things of God* (Is. 58:1-2; Ezek. 33:31-32; Luke 18:18-22; Phil. 3:4-8)
1. Dig within: does doing the things of God' satisfy your inner being?
  
  
  2. What is God's direction to you?
    - a. not: *be more religious*
  
    - b. but: *Go to Jesus and what He saith, do!*

**Reflection:** All Scripture is united in God's testimony about Jesus Christ!

- A. This truth bears repeating repeatedly: *our doings will not be saving!*

B. This truth may explain a soul trouble many *seeking sinners* experience!

1. We cannot receive God's soul blessing without coming to Jesus!

*For any to assert that Christ is not sufficient, but that something more is required besides Him, would be too gross a blasphemy: for hence it would follow that Christ was but half a Savior. (Confession, Art. 22)*

C. This truth reveals a sore evil in many who do *go to Jesus but fail to do what He saith to do!*

1. Jesus commands us to *turn away from sin in repentance (Luke 15:18-19)!*

2. Jesus commands us to *come to Him for salvation (Matt. 11:28)!*

3. Jesus commands us to *believe His manifold promises(John 3:15-16)!*