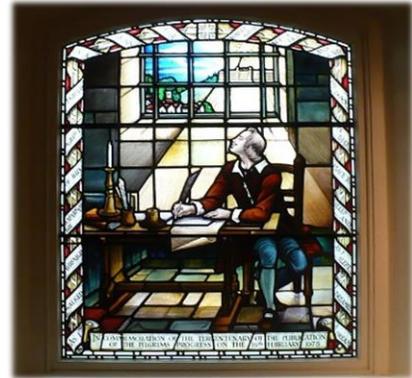


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Good morning, Everyone.

Last night Pastor Jones showed a picture of the Reedy River overflowing and rising up into the church parking lot.



If you had some trouble at your house and wondered why, now you know the reason. We had a **lot** of rain.

Adults see various things in a picture like that. Children sometimes see others.



A few weeks ago, after we'd had the tornados and the rains, Meredith Lowry dropped a picture off at the house that is her perception of *Pastor and Mrs. Minnick in a thunderstorm in their bed at night*.

Her thought is that we smile.

Well . . . next time around I'm going to try to keep that in mind and do better (smile).

Corn in Egypt

Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening* for today reflects upon Jacob's words to his sons in the famine: *There is corn in Egypt* (Genesis 42:2).

Famine pinched all the nations, and it seemed inevitable that Jacob and his family should suffer great want; but the God of providence, who never forgets the objects of electing love, had stored a granary for His people by giving the Egyptians warning of the scarcity and leading them to treasure up the grain of the years of plenty. Little did Jacob expect deliverance from Egypt, but there was the corn in store for him.

Believer, though all things are apparently against thee,

rest assured that God has made a reservation on thy behalf; in the roll of thy griefs there is a saving clause. Somehow He will deliver thee, and somewhere He will provide for thee. The quarter from which thy rescue shall arise may be a very unexpected one, but help will assuredly come in thine extremity, and thou shalt magnify the name of the Lord. If men do not feed thee, the ravens shall; and if earth yield not wheat, heaven shall drop with manna. Therefore be of good courage, and rest quietly in the Lord.

God can make the sun rise in the west if He pleases, and make the source of distress the channel of delight. The corn of Egypt was all in the hands of the beloved Joseph; he opened or closed the granaries at will. And so the riches of providence are all in the absolute power of the Lord Jesus, who will dispense the liberality to His people.

Spurgeon carried many, heavy, heavy burdens, including the financial responsibility for daily enterprises connected with the ministries of the church. When he took up the issue of encroaching liberalism in the Baptist Union (better known as the *Downgrade*), he lost much of the support that had been given to the Stockbridge Orphanage. It wore upon his spirit heavily.

I don't know when he wrote, *Corn in Egypt*. But I'm confident that he wrote it for himself first. If you're a dad, mom, employer, Christian leader, or in some other position in which you're carrying the burden of providing for others and constantly assuring them that there's *corn in Egypt*, don't neglect to feed your own faith first, lest your hands hang down and your knees wobble (Hebrews 12:12).

Praying for You Today,

Pastor Minnick