

In the book of Genesis, Joseph wanted his family to dwell in Goshen, which means “drawing near”. He wanted them in a place of nearness to him, and he told them: “There *I will provide* for you.” (Genesis 45:11)

Even in the midst of famine, Jesus, our Heavenly Joseph, wants us close to Him so He can provide for us. In the book of Exodus, God declared: “I will *set apart the land of Goshen*, in which My people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there.” (Exodus 8:22) In the land of Goshen, God’s people were protected from all of the ten plagues that besieged the land of Egypt during the time of Moses. In the second last of the ten plagues, a thick, paralyzing darkness covered the land of Egypt for three whole days. Yet, during that time, “*all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.*” (Exodus 10:23)

In the place of nearness, God makes a distinction between His people and the people of the world. As believers, we are *in* this world, but we are not *of* this world. (John 17:14) We are His. He desires for us to be close to Him, so that He can hide us under the shadow of His wings. He paid the price so that we can be called His children. Oh, what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called the sons and daughters of the Most High! (1 John 3:1)

So whatever may be happening in the world today, you can be bold and fearless because nothing can ever separate you from the love of God, your Heavenly Father!

Romans 8:38-39 “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”