

“ARE YOU A GOOD TESTIMONY ON THE JOB, AND ARE YOU WILLING TO RESIST TEMPTATION?”

(Genesis 39:1-20)

I. THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND CONTEXTUAL SETTING FOR THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

II. JOSEPH: CHOSEN AND PROTECTED BY GOD (Genesis 37:1-36)

- A. The Contextual Setting (37:1-4)**
- B. Joseph had two DREAMS (37:5-11)**
- C. Joseph’s OBEDIENCE to his father (37:12-17)**
- D. The wicked SCHEMES of Jacob’s sons (37:18-27)**
- E. Joseph SOLD by his very own brothers into SLAVERY (37:26-36)**

* Who was Potiphar, and what was his occupation?

III. JOSEPH: THE DEPENDABLE EMPLOYEE (Genesis 39:1-6)

- A. By all outward appearances God had _____ Joseph, but He was actually very much _____ him. (39:2)

* What truth should this remind you of concerning trials?

* Why does this seem like an odd place to find the words, “*a successful man*” (in v. 2)?

- B. Joseph was an outstanding servant before his master, who promoted him when he “*saw that the Lord was _____ him and that the Lord _____ all he did to _____ in his hand.*” (39:3)

* What master was Joseph really serving?

* Are you a dependable, faithful employee to your manager/supervisor?

IV. MRS. POTIPHAR'S ATTEMPT TO SEDUCE JOSEPH (Genesis 39:7-20)

* What principles regarding temptation can we learn from James 1:13-16?

A. Joseph _____ the advances of this beautiful woman because he viewed _____, _____ and his relationship with _____ as very serious. (39:8-9)

* Is this your view of sexual sins?

B. This married woman made repeated _____, and Joseph's response was repeated _____ . (39:10)

* How did Joseph's actions help strengthen his victory over temptation?

C. When it comes to temptation if you want victory you must...

1. recognize the _____ of the _____. (Rom. 6; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20; 6:14)

2. remember the _____ and the biblical _____ that you have been taught. (Josh. 1:8; Psalm 119:11; 1 Tim. 4:15-16)

3. rely on the _____ and the _____ of the Holy Spirit. (2 Cor. 3:17-18; Gal. 5:16-17; 2 Tim. 4:17; Heb. 12:1-2)

4. resist the appeal to make an _____ for your _____. (Rom. 13:14; 1 Cor. 6:15-18; 1 Thess. 4:3-6; 2 Tim. 2:19-23; 1 Pet. 2:11-12)

* How can this chapter be applied in your personal life?