

RESPONDING RIGHT WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN DONE WRONG

(Genesis 39:20-40:23)

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

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

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

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

V. JOSEPH: IN PRISON FOR SOMETHING HE DIDN'T DO (Genesis 39:20-40:23)

A. If you seek to honor the Lord by _____ on biblical principles, there is the possibility it will result in _____ consequences for you, as it did for Joseph. (39:20)

B. If you experience unjust suffering, you can _____ the Lord to be with you, as well as His _____ . (39:21)

C. Despite the injustice that had been done to Joseph, his _____ qualities and his _____ character were quickly recognized, and he was placed in a position of authority- because the Lord was with him and he was responding. (39:22-23)

1. The right response to unjust suffering is one of _____ by waiting on the Lord to deliver you in His time, which gives you an opportunity to _____ on His promises to strengthen and support you.

2. The wrong reactions to unjust suffering include retaliation, _____ - _____, complaining, _____ or spiritual boasting.

* All of these wrong reactions emanate from what?

D. As Joseph responded to the Lord in the difficult circumstance that he was in, he was able to see beyond _____ and _____ others in their time of need. (40:1-4)

E. Because Joseph was responding to the Lord, he was spiritually _____ enough to recognize the _____ of others, and point them to God in the process. (40:5-8)

* When you are depressed and carnal where is your focus?

* The chief butler and baker each had dreams, what do we know about dreams and the Bible?

F. Like any one of us, Joseph had his moments where he placed his trust and hope in _____ (like the butler and baker in v. 14); and he resorted to a “ _____ ” about his present circumstances (v. 15).

G. If you are responding to the Lord in your unjust suffering, you very well may be forgotten by _____, but never by your _____. (40:20-23)

H. In good times or bad times, no one is _____ or _____ like the Lord, your hope and trust must ultimately rest in Him.

* What truths can you apply from this chapter?