

## TEMPTATIONS: WILL YOU YIELD OR RESIST? (Genesis 39)

### 7 TRUTHS ABOUT TEMPTATIONS (James 1:13-16)

1. Temptations are \_\_\_\_\_... “*when.*” (1:13a)
2. Temptations are \_\_\_\_\_ in life... “*tempted.*” (1:13b)
3. Temptations never come from \_\_\_\_\_... “*by God.*” (1:13c)
4. Temptations involve an enticement to do \_\_\_\_\_ by a promise of pleasure or gain.  
“*for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.*” (1:13d)
5. Temptations include both an external \_\_\_\_\_ and an internal \_\_\_\_\_. (1:14)
6. Temptations require a decision to either \_\_\_\_\_ to it or \_\_\_\_\_ it. (1:15a)
7. Temptations are not sin, but temptations yielded to result in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1:15-16)

### A. JOSEPH PROSPERS IN POTIPHAR’S HOUSE. (39:1-6)

1. **The *place* of Joseph’s preparation. (39:1)** How far was the trip? What do we observe about God from this? What would being auctioned off as a slave involve? What do we learn about Potiphar?
2. **The *presence* of God with Joseph. (39:2) *The LORD was with Joseph*, {the results} *and he was a successful man; and he was* {living & serving} *in the house* {not a field hand like many slaves} *of his master the Egyptian.*** What is significant about the word “LORD”? What would be the key to Joseph’s success, and triumph over his trials & temptations? What can we learn from his location?
3. **The *prosperity* of Joseph because of the LORD. (39:3)** What can we learn from this? While being a slave was a difficult trial, what is a temptation connected to prosperity?
4. **The *promotion* of Joseph. (39:4)** What can you learn from this?
5. **The *prosperity* of Joseph by God *continues*. (39:5-6)** What again is highlighted in these verses? What are the temptations connected with a promotion? How about due to beauty?

### B. JOSEPH IS SEDUCED BY MRS. POTIPHAR. (39:7-12)

1. **The *woman’s request*. {39:7}** Put yourself in Joseph’s sandals & the temptation & rationalization that could have transpired:
2. **Joseph’s *refusal & reasons*. {39:8-9}** What were his reasons to not commit adultery?
3. **The *woman’s repeated requests / demands* {39:10-12a}** What can we learn from this?
4. **Joseph’s *repeated resistance* {39:12b}** How can we resist temptations, especially of this nature?

c. **JOSEPH IS FALSELY ACCUSED OF RAPE BY MRS POTIPHAR. (39:13-19)**

- 1) *Her false accusation to the men of the house {39:13-15} And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, 14 that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he {Potiphar} has brought in to us {Egyptians} a Hebrew to mock {mock; humiliate; laugh; make fools of} us. He {Joseph} came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out {screamed} with a loud voice. 15 "And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out {for help}, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went {ran} outside."*
- 2) *Her false accusation to her husband {39:16-18} So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. 17 Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us {placing the blame on him} came in to me to mock me; 18 "so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside."*
- 3) *Her husband's furious reaction {39:19} So it was, when his master {came home and} heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to {treated shamefully} me after this manner {accused rape}," that his anger was aroused {burned}. About what?*

**D. JOSEPH IS INCARCERATED THOUGH HE IS INNOCENT (39:20 -24)**

- 1) *He is personally confined in prison - Then Joseph's master {Potiphar} took him and put him into the prison {why not executed?}, {which is} a place where the king's prisoners were confined {the royal prison}. And he was there in the prison.*
- 2) *He is providentially shown mercy in prison. 21 But the \_\_\_\_\_ and showed him \_\_\_\_\_, and He {the LORD} gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.*
- 3) *He is put in charge in prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. 23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, {why?}*
- 4) *He enjoys again the Lord's providential blessing and prospers while in prison. (39:23) The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, {why?} because \_\_\_\_\_; and whatever he did, \_\_\_\_\_.*

Some closing lessons & applications: