

# GENESIS 38:24-39:1-23

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## TITLE

OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“The Testing of a Dream”**

## THEME:

***God's Chosen Heritage.  
Keeping the Dream Alive***

The life of Joseph

## INTRODUCTION;

Review of Last week;

*A chapter Insert that appears to be out of place*

- I.) An Interruption in the narrative of the life of Joseph
- II.) Strange event of a wife (Tamar) being denied offspring

## Verses 24-26

## Judah sees the light

Verse 24

Have you noticed how ugly your sin looks on someone else  
“It is our (fallen) nature that justifies in ourselves the wrong. And  
condemns the same in someone else”

### ***Romans 2:1-3***

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. <sup>2</sup> But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

**Romans 2:21-23**

You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?

Verse 25

**Judah's sin is exposed...**

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God's Plan to "Keep the Dream Alive" continues  
Tamar's declaration is Authoritative !!

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Verse 25

*"By the man to whom these things belong, I am with child, Please determine whose these are;*

**The signet**

**The cord**

**The staff**

All represent;

**Power, Authority and Posterity,**

**Verses 27-30      Keeping the dream alive**

In the end, God honors Tamar's means,  
for we know that through Perez, comes Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 1:1-3, 16**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: <sup>2</sup> Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. <sup>3</sup> Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram... <sup>16</sup> And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is Christ.

The women recorded in the genealogy of Jesus are in appearance, "*questionable in moral position*" at Best...

- \* **Tamar**, a gentile, posed as a prostitute.
- \* **Rahab**, a gentile, was a prostitute.
- \* **Ruth**, a gentile, when to Boaz by night.
- \* **Bathsheba**, a gentile, was an adulterous woman.

(BUT each one became strong believers in the Lord.)

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## Keeping the Dream Alive

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### Chapter 39:1-10

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## The Testing of the Dream

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- A.) *It was the envious dreams of Joesph's brothers to kill him.*
- B.) *It was God's dream to keep & use Joesph.*
- C.) *and, as with any instrument being prepared for the work of God, that instrument is often unaware of the true powers that be.*

Verse 7-10

Joesph was sexually vulnerable.

### The Setting;

- 1.) He heard strange language and foreign customs
- 2.) No one understood Joesph's religion and family
- 3.) He had no moral accountability being alone.
- 4.) He was Extraordinarily handsome

Verse 6

The dangers of Outward Beauty

"He was tempted simply because he was tempting"

## The Rational;

- 1.) Joseph was in a powerful position
- 2.) Joseph has a strong witness established
- 3.) Certainly, God would forgive him.
- 4.) He was a long way from home.
- 5.) Joseph had no martial commitments

The powers of success could have called Joseph upward, by sending him downward into Mrs. Potipher  
(man's way of advancing)

**"I'll witness to her, and lead her to Christ  
after all, I could have sex with her which would promote me higher in management,  
and then I'll really be a witness for the Lord"**

**Temptation is NOT a sin,  
Yielding to that temptation is THE sin,**

Even if nothing Physical ever transpires;

## Sin in the Heart;

**Matthew 5:27-28**

**"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.**

## Sin from the Heart;

**James 1:13-15**

**Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.<sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.<sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.**

## Sin Over the Heart;

**Romans 6:14**

**For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.**

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# But Jack, “were not under the law”

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Grace is not *for* the forgiveness of sin. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ But Grace is the power *not to* sin

*Grace*      *GRK charis (khar'-ece)*

the divine influence upon the heart, to be acceptable, *joyful*, to be liberated.

## 2 Corinthians 12:9

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## Ephesians 3:8 NIV

Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

God's Grace is God's Power, Favor & Pleasure !!

## Chariots of Fire

“When I run, I sense His Pleasure”

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## Satan will guarantee an attack

### Proverbs 6:25-26

Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, nor let her allure you with her eyelids. <sup>26</sup> For by means of a harlot a man is reduced to a crust of bread; and an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.

### Proverbs 31:30

Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman (man) who fears the LORD, (he) she shall be praised.

Even the world will often desire the “presence” of a Godly man or woman and not even know why.

## Verse 9

Job 31:1 NIV

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

Yeh ! I might be sinning against my wife

Daniel 9:11b

“ we have sinned against Him. “

If you are not out there sinning because...

- \* You might get A.I.D.S.
- \* You might get caught
- \* You might hurt your spouse

If Jesus isn't the reason,  
then you don't have a reason that will last

## Verse 10

A Vessel of Honor;

- 1.) He did not heed to *lie* with her...*momentary pleasure*
- 2.) He did not heed to *be* with her...*emotional union*

He Was a Real Man;

2 Timothy 2:20-22

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. <sup>22</sup> Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

**No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.**

**“I wonder what’s going to happen next ”**

**Turn To Matthew 5:29**