

GENESIS 39:11-23

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TITLE

OF THE MESSAGE:

“Having Power over Temptation”

THEME:

Keeping the Dream Alive

The life of Joseph

INTRODUCTION;

Gods Favor Upon Joseph

“That Joseph found favor in the sight of Potiphar, and God was with him”

Last Time

we saw the position which Joseph had been elevated to in the house of Potiphar. A faithful and trusted servant.

Verse 6

“And Joseph was handsome in form and in appearance”



The dangers of Outward Beauty

“He was tempted simply because he was tempting”

But Mrs. Potiphar had her own dreams to keep alive

Verse 6-9a

Verse 9b

***“How then can I do this great wickedness,
and sin against God”***

Verse 10

“Constant”, “Daily”, “Anticipated” Temptation !

Verse 11

But it happened about this time...

Verse 12-15

Caught ***HEB taphas (taw-fas’);***
to manipulate, to surprise with the use of
unwarranted force: (Possibly nude)

Proverbs 7:10-13

And there a woman met him, with the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. ¹¹ She was loud and rebellious, her feet would not stay at home. ¹² At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner. ¹³ So she caught him and kissed him; with an impudent face....

Caught ***HEB chazaq (kharw-zak’)***
*to fasten upon; to seize, to bind, restrain, to **conquer**:*

Impudent ***HEB azaz (aw-zaz’);***
to be hard, to prevail, to be bold.

This is “Fatality” for the fool

Proverbs 7

is “life” for the wise

Having Power over Temptation is to;

First) *Love God,*
 which is manifested by our obedience to Him

John 14:15

"If you love Me, keep My commandments.

John 14:21

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Second) *Follow God,*
 which is the death of our plans, our will & desires

John 10:3

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Have you ever wondered that "if you had lived 2,000 yrs ago and saw Jesus in the flesh and heard His teaching with your ears, would you have followed Him or would you have crucified Him ?

Your answer hinges upon how you see sin

Turn to Luke 7:36-47

Today there is a great attempt to soften appearance of SIN and
SINS results;

Joseph calls the attempted adulatory "this great wickedness"
Today we would call it "an affair"

Euphem-isms

are created to not offend

A drug addict

A Pervert

An overweight person

A prisoner

A dead person

A drunk

A bald

A boring person

A janitor

An Ex-spouse

A reprobate

shoplifter or looter

A riot

Chemically dependent

A compulsive sexual habit

Horizontally displaced

Client of the correctional system

Terminally inconvenienced

Sobriety-deprived

Follicle disadvantaged

Charm-free

Environmental hygienist

Insignificant other

Morally different

A non-traditional shopper

A spontaneous display of community dissatisfaction

In 1980

*President Jimmy Carter said that "the raid on Iran to free the U.S. hostages was an **incomplete success***

The Truth of the Matter is

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Verse 16-19

It's possible that Potiphar knew what kind of woman she was because Joseph's alleged crime was punishable by death

God, In the midst of all of this, was proving Joseph

If Joseph could not control himself as servant, he would never survive as a ruler. (GOD HAS A DREAM TO FULFILL)

Having Power over Temptation *is brought about in hard ways*

Joseph had lost his second coat to evil schemes,
but not his witness

Verse 20

it appears that Joseph's faithfulness is rewarded with
imprisonment

1 Timothy 4:7b
... exercise yourself toward godliness.

Philippians 2:12b
... **work out** your own salvation with fear and trembling;

There are disciplines to a godly life

IF YOUR LIFE IS NOT DISCIPLINED...

IT CANNOT BE A GODLY LIFE

The Olympics are finally over

(Do you know when they began training for the next Olympic games?)

1 Peter 5:4

and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does
not fade away.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NIV

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a
way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They
do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶

Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air.

²⁷ No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself
will not be disqualified for the prize.

God has chosen to shape us into character;

In the Laboratory we would use Thermoset plastics:

- 1.) Apply heat
- 2.) Mold to desire shape
- 3.) Cool it quickly to retain the shape

In the Christian experience God uses Theoset methods;

- 1.) Trials and testing heat us up, causing us to trust
- 2.) Molding begins within our character is tried & tested
- 3.) In the end we become more Christ like

Having Power over Temptation

Is having a working knowledge of the Bible

Knowing this
that Obedience is not always rewarded immediately

James obeyed and was beheaded

Paul obeyed and was stoned

Peter obeyed and was crucified upside down

Jesus obeyed in all points and was condemned to death

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteousness will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. *But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

Washed by the blood of Christ upon His cross

Sanctified in this world, separated unto God for His pleasure

Justified by the declaration that the Father has acquitted you of all sin and has clothed you in His glory

We're going to stop here and set our hearts toward Him.