

THE TEMPTATION OF JOSEPH BY POTIPHER'S WIFE
Genesis 39

James 1

I. Some Perspective on _____ (James 1:13-16)

1. Temptation is _____ ... "it's not if, but _____ *he is tempted*" (James 1:13a)
2. Temptations are ever _____ in life ... "*tempted*" (present tense) (James 1:13b)
3. Temptation never comes from _____ ... "*by God*" (James 1:13c)
4. Temptations involve an *enticement* to do _____ by a promise of _____ or _____ ... "*for God cannot be tempted with evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.*" (James 1:13d)
5. Temptations include both an external _____ (from without) and an internal _____ (from within) (James 1:14)
6. Temptations require a decision to either _____ to or _____ it. (James 1:15a)
7. Temptations are not sin, but temptation yielded to results in _____ and _____ (James 1:15-16)

Review:

II. The Temptation of Joseph By Potipher's Wife (Genesis 39:1-20)

A. His Rise to _____ in Potipher's Home (39:1-6)

1. In God's plan and providence, Joseph is brought down to Potipher, captain of Pharaoh's guard in _____, & sold to him as his _____. (39:1-2)
- Who was Potipher?
2. Apart from the text here, you would think that God had _____ Joseph, but He was actually very much _____ him. (39:2)
- What truths should this remind you of concerning trials?
3. Joseph didn't abuse his privileges, for he knew if he served _____ well, he was serving _____ well!
 4. Potipher noted that the Lord was _____ Joseph & that his _____ made all that he did to _____ in his hand. (39:3)

5. God's favor or grace prompted Potipher to give Joseph _____ in his home, so he made him _____ or steward in his home.
 6. The **extent** of his authority was over _____ that Potipher had in his home and in his fields. (39:5-6)
- How did Joseph respond to this situation?
 - What "*master*" was Joseph really serving?

B. His Temptation for _____ in While Potipher's Slave (39:7-12)

1. Because of his success & good looks, Potipher's lonely wife cast her longing _____ on Joseph to the point of _____ him. (39:7)

Proverbs 5:1-20

Proverbs 6:23-26

2. Joseph _____ Mrs. Potipher & his reasons are two fold: a) I am my master's _____ servant here, & b) This would only be a wicked _____ against the _____.
3. We see Mrs. Potipher's **persistence** as she tempts him to sleep with her _____ after _____!
4. When she caught him alone in the house one day, he made a right **decision**.... he _____ & _____!

* Is this choice consistent with other scripture?

* How can you deal with Temptation like this today? By...

- a. Remembering the _____ won at _____ (Romans 6)
- b. Remembering the _____ of _____ you can claim (Psalm 119:11)
- c. Relying on the _____ & the power of the _____ to resist (Gal 5:16)
- d. Stop making _____ for your _____ (Romans 13:14)

C. His _____ For Righteousness While in Potipher's Home (39:13-20)

* What did Joseph receive for his faithfulness to God?

* Was God still Sovereign in this?