



## Lesson 30

# Joseph's Imprisonment

### Story Elements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>TEXT:</b> Gen. 39:1-23</li><li>• <b>Setting:</b> circa 1730 B.C. in Egypt.</li><li>• <b>Main Characters:</b> God, Joseph, Potiphar, and Potiphar's wife</li><li>• <b>Plot:</b> Joseph climbs the ranks as a slave in Potiphar's house, but when he is falsely,</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>accused his meteoric rise is halted by imprisonment.</li><li>• <b>Key word(s):</b> "the LORD was _____ Joseph" (vv 2, 3, 21, 23)</li><li>• <b>Climax:</b> <i>Genesis 39:16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.</i></li></ul> |
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### Well Favored

- 1) (v 1) After being sold into slavery by his brothers, Joseph ended up in the house of a high-ranking Egyptian official named Potiphar.
  - a) (vv 2-3) But God was with Joseph and blessed him – even during his enslavement. Joseph became "\_\_\_\_\_", and his success at work caught the attention of his master.
  - b) (vv 4-5) As Joseph grew in rank, and as he took on more responsibility, "the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for \_\_\_\_\_ sake."
  - c) (vv 6-7) Joseph's skill as an estate manager was so excellent that Potiphar gave Joseph complete trust with every conceivable duty and detail.

### Wickedly Tempted

- 2) (vv 7-9) Potiphar's wife "cast her \_\_\_\_\_ upon Joseph" and she tried to lure him into sin day by day (cf. v 10). But Joseph fought off her sinful advances and by God's grace overcame:
  - a) By appealing to \_\_\_\_\_ motives: he could not betray the confidence of his master who had trusted him completely.
  - b) By admitting the \_\_\_\_\_ root: he called the temptation "*great wickedness.*"
  - c) By acknowledging divine \_\_\_\_\_: the sin would not just be against himself or his master, but especially his God. (cf. *Psa. 51:4*)
- 3) (vv 11-12) Potiphar's wife seized a moment of privacy to latch onto Joseph and insist he sin with her, but Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ and ran out of the house, leaving his garment behind. (1 Cor. 6:18) Joseph's example is worthy of our emulation. Notice: *Proverbs 4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, And go not in the way of evil men. 15 Avoid it, pass not by it, Turn from it, and pass away.*
- 4) (vv 13-14) The temptress's lust was only surpassed by her \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) when she saw she could not prevail against Joseph's integrity, she falsely accused him of assaulting her.
  - b) (vv 15-19) Using Joseph's garment as fake evidence, she accused Joseph before all the servants of the house and then to her husband whose "\_\_\_\_\_ was kindled."

### Wrongfully Imprisoned

- 5) (v 20) Potiphar put Joseph in the king's dungeon, which was likely the \_\_\_\_\_ of them all.

