

Joseph and Potiphar's Wife Gen. 39:1-23

Introduction:

Joseph teaches us many things through his example. He was always faithful to the Lord, and because of that he prospered. Even when things were bad for him, he never turned from God.

-Reminder of what has happened already in the life of Joseph.

- I. Flee from sin (7-12).
 - A. Joseph was in a position of authority.
 1. He was put in a situation where he was tempted by Potiphar's wife.
 2. He did not sin, in fact, he fled from the sin.
 3. Joseph teaches us that we need to flee from sin.
 - B. When it comes to sin, we simply run from it.
 1. I Pet. 5:8-9
 2. Eph. 4:27 – we do not give place to the devil.
 3. Eph. 6:11
 - a. we put on the whole armor of God so that we can stand against the wiles of the devil.
 - b. It takes preparation to defeat the devil.
 - C. If we resist the devil, he will flee from us.
 1. James 4:7
 2. Before we can resist the devil, we must submit to God.
 - D. Even though Joseph was falsely accused of these things, he did not try to get revenge for himself.
 1. Rom. 12:19
 2. Vengeance is for the Lord, not us.
- II. We will prosper when we are with the Lord (2-6, 23).
 - A. Joseph was trusted because he was faithful to the Lord.
 1. The Egyptian “did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate” (6).
 2. He trusted Joseph.
 3. The Egyptian prospered because Joseph trusted in the Lord (5).
 - B. We also will prosper when we are faithful to the Lord.
 1. Ps. 1:3
 - C. We must keep our focus on the proper things.
 1. Think of heaven, not earth
 2. Matt. 6:19-21
 3. Col. 3:1-2
 - D. Joseph kept his focus on God, and not on earthly pleasures.
- III. Things work out for those that love the Lord.
 - A. Notice the history of Joseph:
 1. Sold by his brothers when he was 17 years old (Gen. 37:12-36).

2. Sent to prison in Gen. 39.
 3. He spent 2 years in prison before being called before Pharaoh (Gen. 41:1-36).
 4. Joseph remained faithful to the Lord, and because of that he was placed 2nd in command next to Pharaoh (Gen. 41:37-57).
 5. Joseph was reunited with his brothers and father (Gen. 42-50).
- B. Things will also work out for us.
1. Rom. 8:28
 2. If we are faithful to God, things will work out for us.
 3. Maybe not in this life, but in eternity.
 4. Remember God's time frame.
 - a. Ps. 90:4
 - b. II Pet. 3:8

Conclusion:

- Reminder of the way that the story of Joseph ended.
- He ended on top because he was faithful to the Lord.