

April 20<sup>th</sup>  
**COSMIC TREASON AGAINST GOD**

*“And after a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, “Lie with me.” But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”*

**GENESIS 39:7-9**

**“E**xcuses, excuses, excuses. Finger pointing. Playing the blame game. These actions come quite naturally to us...because they are natural to us! I never had to teach my children how to blame someone else for their actions. I never had to teach them how to compare themselves to others so their sin didn’t look as bad. This behavior comes from the depths of our hearts. And we see it in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3. What does Adam do when God questions him? He blames God first and then blames his wife! He doesn’t accept responsibility and wants to get the attention off himself as quickly as possible. And we aren’t any different than Adam. What does God teach us about our hearts and sin from Genesis 39?

Sin infects our lives. While we have been forever freed from sin’s penalty, we live with the consistent burden of sin’s presence. Sin has consequences. And when God’s people consider sin, we see the consequences for our relationships with people. Sin disrupts how we relate to people and how we interact with our world. But what is the most tragic truth about sin? R.C. Sproul describes sin as cosmic treason. Sproul unpacks this idea: “What are we saying to our Creator when we disobey Him at the slightest point? We are saying, “God, Your law is not good. My judgement is better than Yours. Your authority does not apply to me. I am above and beyond Your jurisdiction. I have the right to do what I want to do, not what You command me to do.” Sproul doesn’t come up with this out of thin air. This is exactly what Joseph says here in Genesis 39! “How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” David says the same thing in Psalm 51. Even when David had raped Bathsheba (could she have refused sex with the king?) and murdered Uriah to cover up his sin, he said, “Against You, You only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.” David isn’t saying that he didn’t sin against Bathsheba or Uriah. Instead, He is admitting that sin is ultimately against God. That’s what makes it so serious.

What does Joseph say about this potential sin? It would be great wickedness. David calls his sin evil. I wonder, men, how often do we see our sin as wicked and evil? Has our Christian culture softened how we see our sinful actions? We can soften the blow and rename our actions. We can even admit that we were wrong. But how often do we admit that we sinned against our God? Sin causes us to lose the reality of God in our minds and hearts. We rationalize and create a lie in our minds. But God. God brings us back to truth. And the truth shall set us free! Admitting our sin against God doesn’t bring more chains. It brings us freedom because we take our sins to our God and confess them. God promises forgiveness and restoration. Will you commit to seeing your sin as ultimately against God and keeping short accounts with Him? Find your freedom in your sin being forgiven.

***Spend some time reflecting on God’s grace for you. Ask Him for help to fight sin because sin is rebellion against Him.***

**For Further Reading: Genesis 39**