

Joseph and Potiphar's Wife (Genesis 39)
For the week of January 23, 2022

Observation (Read Genesis 39:1-6a)

How many times is the name Yahweh/LORD mentioned?

In each mention of LORD, what is God doing?

Interpretation

How does this speak to the sovereignty of God?

What do the following verses say of God's sovereignty with Joseph?

Genesis 15:13-14

Psalms 105:16-22

What is your impression of Joseph's relationship with God?

Application

Do difficult circumstances have the effect of bringing you closer to God or causing you to feel he is distant? Why?

Have you wrongly attributed successes to your own efforts rather than acknowledging them as coming from God? Why or why not?

Observation (Read Genesis 39:6b-18)

How is Joseph described in 39:6b? (Note Genesis 29:17)

What did Potiphar's wife do?

What did Joseph do?

How long did this go on?

Interpretation

What are the reasons Joseph gives to defend his position? How does this compare with Psalm 51:4?

Compare and contrast Joseph's behavior with that of his family.

Esau: (26:47; 28:6-9)

Jacob: (29:21-30; 30:3-4; 30:9)

Reuben: (35:22)

Judah: (38:2; 38:5-6)

Application

What are ways that you flee from temptation?

What do these verses say about temptation?

I Cor 6:18:

I Cor 10:13:

Eph 6:10-17:

James 4:7:

Observation (Read Genesis 39:19-23)

Describe what is happening in your own words.

Interpretation

Read verse 21 again. What did the LORD show Joseph?

How does this speak of both God's sovereignty and love?

Application

Using your concordance, look up at least four verses that deal with God's steadfast love.

What do these verses say to you?