FAITH-RESTING WHEN FACING TEMPTATIONS

(Genesis 39)

7 TRUTHS ABOUT TEMPTATIONS (James 1:13-16)

1. Temptations are _____… "*when*." (1:13a)
2. Temptations are _____ in life… "*tempted*." (1:13b)
3. Temptations never come from _____…. "*by God*." (1:13c)
4. Temptations involve an enticement to do _____ by a promise of pleasure or gain. "*for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone*." (1:13d)
5. Temptations include both an external _____ and an internal _____. (1:14)
6. Temptations require a decision to either _____ to it or _____ it. (1:15a)
7. Temptations are not sin, but temptations yielded to result in _____ and _____. (1:15-16)

A. JOSEPH PROSPERS IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE. (39:1-6)

1. **The *place* of Joseph's preparation. (39:1)** How far was the trip? What do we observe about God from this?

2. **The *presence* of God with Joseph. (39:2)** ***The <u>LORD</u> was <u>with</u> Joseph,*** {the results} ***and he was a successful man; and he was*** {living & serving} ***in the house*** {not a field hand like many slaves} ***of his master the Egyptian.*** What is significant about the word "LORD"? What would be the key to Joseph's success, and triumph over his trials & temptations?

3. **The *prosperity* of Joseph because of the LORD. (39:3)** What can we learn from this? While being a slave was a difficult trial, what is a temptation connected to prosperity?

4. **The *promotion* of Joseph. (39:4)** What can you learn from this?

5. **The *prosperity* of Joseph by God *continues*. (39:5-6)** What again is highlighted in these verses? What are the temptations connected with a promotion? How about due to beauty?

B. JOSEPH IS SEDUCED BY MRS. POTIPHAR. (39:7-12)

1. **The woman's *request.* {39:7}** Put yourself in Joseph's sandals & the temptation & rationalization that could have transpired:

2. **Joseph's *refusal & reasons*. {39:8-9}** What were his reasons to not commit adultery?

3. **The woman's *repeated requests / demands* {39:10-12a}** What can we learn from this?

4. **Joseph's *repeated resistance* {39:12b}** How can we resist temptations, especially of this nature?
   a. Recognize the _____ of the _____. (Romans 6)

b. Remember the _____ of _____. (Psalm 119:11)

c. Rely on the _____ and the power of the _____. (Gal, 5:16)

d. Resist making _____ for the _____. (Rom. 13:14)

e. Rejoice with your wife by _____ and enjoying _____. (Prov. 5:18; 1 Cor. 7:1-5)

C. JOSEPH IS FALSELY ACCUSED OF RAPE BY MRS POTIPHAR. (39:13-19)

1) Her *false accusation* to the *men* of the house {39:13-15)

2) Her *false accusation* to her *husband* {39:16-18}

3) Her *husband's furious reaction* {39:19}

D. JOSEPH IS INCARCERATED THOUGH HE IS INNOCENT. (39:20 -24)

1) He is *personally confined* in prison. (39:20)

2) He is *providentially shown mercy* in prison. (39:20)

3) He is *put in charge* in prison. (39:21)

4) He enjoys again the Lord's *providential blessing and prospers* while in prison. (39:23) *The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority,* {why?} *because* _____*; and whatever he did,* _____.

Some Closing Lessons & Applications to Believers in Christ:

1) When it comes to trials – we can _____after the flesh or _____ by faith in God's promises.

2) When it comes to temptations – we can _____.

3) The best choices in life are _____ choices, but we cannot control the outcomes circumstantially - positively or negatively.

4) When the Lord is with you, His grace will be _____ for every trial & temptation that you face if you yield and depend upon Him.

A Closing Application to Those Without Christ as Savior: