

Context

- 1] Joseph Sold into Egypt & Jacob mourns his death (37:34-36)
- 2] In Canaan – Judah leaves family, brought to repentance c 20 yrs later (38:1, 26) – { next (42:1)}
- 3] Meantime – Joseph into Egypt (37:36; 39:1)

???? Does this mean we all should expect success if we are faithful to God? (3, 23)

Joseph to Egypt (1)

- 1] to Egypt (cf 37:28)
 - 2] Potiphar / Pharaoh's official/ captain of guard
Nb access to Pharaoh?
 - 3] bought from Ishmaelites (37:36)
- *God is in charge -He directs the paths of those who trust in Him*

Joseph and Potiphar (2-6)

- 1] The Lord was with Joseph (2, 3, also 21, 23)
Nb all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28)
The Lord is with His people – always
The Lord gives success to His faithful people

2] Potiphar (4)

- a) noted the Lord gave J success and he found favour (4a, also 23)
cf Great success because the Lord was with him (1 Sam 18:14)
Found favour in the eyes of God cf Noah (6:8)
Grew in favour with God and men (Lk 2:52)
They enjoyed the favour of all people (Acts 2:47)
Cf see good deeds and glorify your father in heaven (Matt 5:16)
believers in Jesus - expect to find favour in people's eyes
- b) put in charge...entrusted all he owned (4b, 22)
... cf put in charge (37:2, 13; 39:22; 41:44)
- c) made him in charge of his people / the household (5a, 22)
cf Psalm 139:8; Matthew 28:20b

3] The Lord blessed Potiphar's household and fields (5b)

- *5 The Lord blesses situations because His faithful people are among them*
GRACE / JESUS The blessing of God falls on our house because of Jesus

4] Potiphar - 'Did not concern himself with anything/ paid no attention' (6, 23)

Joseph's Temptation (7-10)

- a) Potiphar's wife 'invitation' (7)
- b) Joseph's reply (8-10)
 - a) my master – all in my care, No one greater, withheld nothing but you (8)
cf withheld one thing – not eat the fruit of good and evil (2:17... 3:9)
keep your eyes on God and His service

b) the Lord – sin is against him (9)

cf Ps 51:4

cf Why do you persecute me? (Acts 9:4)

Sinful acts to people are primarily against God

c) Resolute (10)

cf facing constant pressure to sin of Samson, Judges 14:17; 16:16-17

nb resisting temptation (Luke 4:1-13; 2 Timothy 2:22)

JESUS was tempted in every way as we are yet without sin (Heb 4:15)

resist temptation

Joseph's accusation (11-19)

1] J trapped and rejected (11, 12)

Nb flee from sexual immorality (1 Cor 6:18; 10:14; 1 Tim 6:11)

Flee from temptation

2] The charge (13-18)

a) to servants ‘- attempted to sleep with me’ (13-15)

nb ‘Hebrew’ cf (Genesis 14:13)

nb ‘brought to us’ ie we share this problem

cf Blessed are you when they bring false testimony against you (Matt 5:11)

b) to husband – ‘make sport’

nb you brought to us ie your fault

nb her act but shifted blame to Joseph and Potiphar

3] Potiphar burned with anger (19)

? imprisoned – ‘cut off nose to spite face’?

Joseph to prison (20-23)

1] Put into king's prison (20)

Nb ‘choice’ prison? The Lord brought J into Pharaoh's orbit

Cf put him in prison cf threw him in the cistern (37:24)

Bear lies quietly – God knows what he is doing

2] The Lord

a) was with Joseph (21,22)

In faith, do your best in all circumstance

b) blessed the warder (23)

**Trust God to give you success ‘in prison’.*

Main point? *All that God's people do is done to and for Him.*

Key verse *How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God (9c)*