

Genesis 39 - Lesson 43

From Prosperity to Prison

1. Gen 39:1-6 - The LORD prospers Joseph

- a. *"LORD was with Joseph"* - The brothers reject him, but God is with him - Acts 7:8-10
- b. The word of the LORD tried Joseph is in Gen 39 - Psalm 105:17-19
- c. God can prosper people - Josh 1:8, Prov 3:5-6, Matt 6:33,
 - i. but also ... Prov 22:2, Ecc 9:11, Mt 5:45, Lk 12:15, Phil 4:12
- d. God is not a 'good luck' charm (his hand can destroy also) - Lam 3:38
- e. God can do as he pleases to perform his purpose - Eph 1:9,11
- f. People can prosper without God, and people can suffer with God.
- g. Why did God bless the Egyptian? ... *"for Joseph's sake"*

2. Gen 39:7-20 - Joseph's Temptation

- a. Abraham / sacrifice; Isaac / wells; Jacob / stones; Joseph / coats
- b. 39:7 - *"cast her eyes upon Joseph"* - Compare this to Judah/Tamar
- c. 39:9 - *"this great wickedness... against God"* - God is more terrible than his master
- d. Knowing the terror of the Lord, do you? - 2 Cor 5:10-11, Matt 10:28
- e. 39:10-12 - *"or to be with her"* - Joseph distances himself from it - 2 Ti 2:22, Psa 101:3
- f. Temptation to do evil is not from God, nor always from the devil - Jam 1:12-16
- g. The lust of the flesh and eyes can destroy you from the inside out - 1 John 2:15-16
- h. *"will make a way to escape"* the way must be walked beforehand - 1 Co 10:13-14

3. Gen 39:21-23 - The LORD prospers Joseph

- a. Joseph does not say a word in his defense... like Jesus at his trial.
- b. *"but the LORD was with Joseph"* - why? Because of Joseph? or... Rom 9:15-16
- c. How do you prosper in a prison? Joseph did because of the LORD.
- d. Why did the LORD prosper him? Gen 50:20
- e. Why does God prosper you? 1 Cor 16:2... for God's work to succeed.