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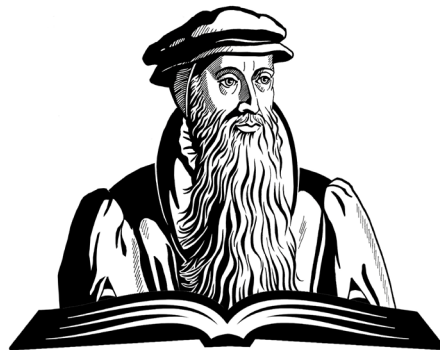
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Lesson 24

An Eye upon God Genesis chapters 38 and 39

Memory Verse

“There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”

Genesis 39:9

Two Brothers Contrasted

At first, it might appear that Genesis 38 interrupts the history of Joseph. In reality, it acts as a point of comparison between Judah and Joseph. In the last lesson, we see Joseph being sold into Egypt, and now we are looking more closely into the life of Judah—the same Judah who devised the plan to sell his brother. There seems to be very little to commend Judah to us. In chapter 38, we find him not fulfilling his promise to his daughter-in-law, Tamar. Later, he finds out that his daughter-in-law is pregnant. In his anger, he says that she must be “burnt” (Genesis 38:24). He accused her of being a harlot, but when she laid the gifts before him, the gifts given to her by the man who was the baby’s father, Judah realized it was him. Judah’s eyes were opened to see his guilt. The cause of the trouble was not Tamar, but Judah: “And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son” (Genesis 38:26).

Although sold into slavery, Joseph seemed to be doing well in the house of Potiphar. Potiphar was so impressed with Joseph’s character that he made Joseph “overseer over his house” (Genesis 39:4). One day, Potiphar’s wife approached Joseph and asked him to sin. Day after day, she would ask him. But Joseph would not. Where did Joseph’s will to resist come from? Joseph was able to resist when his brother Judah could not, because Joseph had his eye upon God. Joseph did not say, “How can I do this great wickedness and sin against Potiphar?” If all he had before his eyes was offending Potiphar, he might not have been able to resist the temptation. No, he says, “How can I...sin against God?”

There are many snares and temptations in this world. Many times, they may be upon us before we know it. How may the Christian avoid falling into the snares and giving in to the temptations? By setting God before their eyes. Should we not pray, and pray often, for a single eye? Should we not pray for a steadfast eye?

A Better Place than Potiphar’s House

If Joseph had only given in to the temptation with Potiphar’s wife, perhaps he would have kept his nice position. He would have remained overseer over the entire house. He would have continued

to live at ease and in comfort. If only he had given in, then he would not now be in prison. He would be in a better place? Is that what you think? It is what many people think when they are tempted to sin. They think that if they give in to sin, then they will have pleasure and happiness. But that is the deception of the world.

Although Joseph was in prison, we see that he was in a better place than if he would have sinned. What would it have been like if Joseph did give in to the temptation and kept his position? It would have been a place without God. What was it like in prison? Although he was deprived of many things, there was one thing he had yet—he had God. “But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison” (Genesis 39:21). That which Joseph had was more precious than all the things of the world.

Review Questions

1. Judah withheld his son _____ from his daughter-in-law, Tamar.

- a. Onan
- b. Shelah
- c. Er

2. Judah’s friend was _____ the Adullamite.

- a. Enos
- b. Abimelech
- c. Reuben
- d. Hirah

3. What three items did Judah give to the harlot, as a pledge that he would pay her what he had promised? What had he promised to give her?

- What did he pledge? _____

- What had he promised? _____

Genesis 39

4. “And _____ was brought down to _____; and _____ an officer of _____, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the _____, which had brought him down thither.”

5. “And the _____ was with _____, and he was a _____ man; and he was in the house of his _____, the Egyptian.

6. “But the _____ was with _____, and showed him _____, and gave him _____ in the sight of the keeper of the _____.

Discussion Questions

1. In discovering that he was the father of his daughter-in-law’s child, Judah declared her to be more righteous than himself (Genesis 38:26). Why was she more righteous?

2. The condition of Joseph changes throughout his life. First, he received in a dream a vision that showed that he would rule over his brothers. Then he is sold into slavery by those brothers. Next, we find him as overseer in Potiphar’s house, and then cast into prison. Looking at Genesis 39:2 and 39:21, explain why the changes in Joseph’s outward circumstances were not an indicator of his internal circumstances?

3. Joseph was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. After reading the following New Testament verses, explain how a similar event happened in the life of Joseph.

- “Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses” (Matthew 26:59–50).

- “When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him” (John 19:6).

4. Looking at the life of Joseph, is it better to give in to temptation? or to resist it? Explain.
