THE TEMPTATION OF JOSEPH  
(Genesis 39)

Main Thought  Just as Joseph and Christ were first humbled, then tempted, so too must we learn to be overcomers.

■ BLESSING  
(1-6)

☐ God was with Joseph because Joseph was with God!  
[Psa. 1:3; Josh. 1:8].

☐ Have thy tools ready, God will find thee work!

“Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings;  
he will not serve before obscure men” [Prov 22:29].

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I  
will put you in charge of many things” [Matt. 25:21].

☐ God blessed Egypt through suffering Joseph. . .  
• just as God blessed Laban through suffering Jacob [30:27, 30].  
• just as God blessed the world [Gentiles] through suffering Israel.  
• just as God blessed Babylon through suffering Daniel.

■ TEMPTATION  
(7-23)

☐ Joseph suffered in the *pit* of his brothers, now he would suffer in the *pit* of a seductress [Pro. 23:27].

☐ Joseph knew the *thrill of the moment* [Heb. 11:25] did not compare to the *utter ruin of a lifetime* [Pro. 5:14; 7:22-23].

☐ Three reasons to not sin:

  1. My master has placed his trust in me.
  2. You are another man’s wife.
  3. It would be a sin against God [Psa. 51:4].

☐ Joseph *fled* temptation at all cost with the discipline that had marked his life and training [2 Tim. 2:22; Titus 2:6].

“Joseph lost his coat but kept his character.”  
*Puritan Preacher*

☐ Joseph sat on a throne while Samson ended in rubble [Jud. 16].