

Genesis 39 Bible Devotions

☐ **Monday - Nothing Can Separate Us From God.** Genesis 39:1-6

“Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. And the Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian” (Gen. 39:1-2). “Though changed in condition, Joseph was not changed in spirit; though stripped of multicolored coat that had adorned his person, he had not lost the moral graces that distinguished his character; though separated from his father on earth, he still lived in communion with his Father in heaven; though in the house of an idolater, he continued a worshipper of the true God” (JFB).
Read Romans 8:35-39

☐ **Tuesday - The Testimony of a Godly Life.** Genesis 39:4

“So Joseph found favor in [Potiphar’s] sight, and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge” (Gen. 39:4). Here, even an ungodly master could admire the godly life of a godly slave. Christian, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).
Read 1 Peter 2:12

☐ **Wednesday - Resisting Temptation.** Genesis 39:7-12

“And it came about after these events that his master’s wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, ‘Lie with me.’” (Gen. 39:7). By the grace of God, Joseph was enabled to resist and overcome this temptation. Christian, “No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape” (1 Cor. 10:13).
Read James 4:7

☐ **Thursday - Rich Soil of Adversity.** Genesis 39:20

“So Joseph’s master took him and put him into the jail” (Gen. 39:20). “God is present as much with His saints when they are suffering as when they are prospering. God causes our roots to grow deep in the soil of adversity in order that we may better know and serve Him” (Kidner). So then, “count it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be mature and complete, lacking no spiritual graces” (James 1:2).
Read Philippians 4:11-13

☐ **Friday - Trials, a Normal Part of the Christian Life.** Genesis 39:20

The prevalence of adversity in the Christian life is taught everywhere in the Scriptures, particularly suffering which is undeserved or results from righteousness. It is to be viewed as a normal part of the Christian life and expected as a result of righteous living. “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body” (2 Cor. 4:7-10).
Read 1 Peter 4:12-16