

Joseph: beyond the technicolor coat

#3 Framed Genesis 39

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“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

Genesis 38: Sealed section, R Rated interlude

“ If there was any justice in this world ... ”

1. Joseph in Egypt slave in a strange land v1

Religion abounds -

Potiphar = “He who Ra (the sun god) has given”

The true God is unknown

2. Joseph’s “secret of success” v2 - 6

“The LORD was with Joseph” (v2-3, v21)

“The LORD gave him success in everything he did”

Blessing for Potiphar: “I will bless those who bless you” (Gen 12:3)

3. Flee temptation v6-10

Joseph's example:

I will not betray my master's trust

I will not sin against God -

Jesus' commands:

Love your neighbour as yourself

Love God with all you have

The burden of faith: sin always involves God - even "secret" sin.
All sin (even 'secret sin') is done in the presence of the Holy God

*"Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight" Psalm 51:4*

4. Framed v11-23

Righteousness is not always (often?) rewarded

BUT the LORD is with Joseph (v21-23)

5. God who is rich in mercy

The LORD only in this chapter 7x By narrator

The Covenant God

The God of grace and steadfast love (kindness v21)

The Sovereign God - working in all things behind the scenes

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