The Provision and the Temptation

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True success comes from the Lord being with those who are faithful to Him.

"The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵...the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field." (Genesis 39:2-5 ESV)

"...but now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed." (1 Samuel 2:30 ESV)

We must remain faithful to God in the midst of temptation and trials.

"...Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, 'Lie with me.' ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge ⁹...nor as he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?'" (Genesis 39:6-9 ESV)

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV)

Faithfulness will eventually lead to God's favor.

"But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹²she caught him by his garment, saying, 'Lie with me.' But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. ¹³And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, ¹⁴she called to the men of her household and said to them, 'See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.'" (Genesis 39:11-14 ESV)

"As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, 'This is the way your servant treated me,' his anger was kindled. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison... ²¹But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²²And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison ²³...because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed." (Genesis 39:19-23 ESV)