

Joseph Gen 38 and 39, the cloak and the pit (part 2)

In these two chapters we see two men approach the same challenge in completely different ways.

38:1 Judah visited a certain Adulamite named Hirah. This is the word natah, to face towards, turn towards or be open to influence from. It is also in v16 He **turned to her** by the way.

Other uses: Gen 12:8 Abraham **pitched** his tent. 24:14 Rebecca “Let down your **pitcher**.” Ps 119:112 I have **inclined** my heart to perform Your statutes. Isaiah 55:3 **Incline** your ear...

God in His grace used frail humans to work His purposes. Tamar is one of the five women mentioned in the Royal line (Matthew 1)

Ch 39 Joseph again

Remembering Old Testament scripture in general and Genesis in particular should speak to us in three ways.

1) As an historical record. 2) As pointing to Christ. 3) As personal exhortation.

1. The History

v2 The Lord **prospered** Joseph (also v3 and 23) this word (salah) is used of David 1Sam 16:13 and Joshua 1:8.

v4 found **favour** in his eyes. Jacob tried to buy it (Gen 33:8, 10 & 15)

v5 The Lord blessed him for Joseph’s sake

v6 He **left all** he had in Joseph’s hand. Gen 2:24 A man will **leave** his mother and father. He was **handsome** (good to look at) also his mother and grandmother (Gen 29:17 and 24:16) compare Isaiah 53:2 **no form** or comeliness..

v7 she **cast her eyes** upon him (lit lifted up her eyes) Abraham Gen 22:4 and 13. See also 37:24.

v8 he **refused** (strongly) Jacob Gen 37:35. Naboth 1 Kings 21:15

v9 no-one **greater** than ... this **great** wickedness see Gen 45:7 this **great** deliverance.

Wickedness see Gen 6:5 the **wickedness** of man was great... imagination of heart **evil** always.

And sin against God. Gen 40:1 **offended** (against) Ex 10:16 **offended against** the lord (Pharaoh)

v10 did not heed her or be with her.

v12 Fled outside – see Ex 14:25 “let us flee”

2. Of Christ

Isaiah 53:9 Who committed no sin neither was deceit found in His mouth 1 Peter 2:23 when He was reviled..

Psalm 40:2 He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay and set my feet on a rock. Jonah 2:6 I went down to the moorings of the mountains, the earth with its bars closed behind me forever. Yet You have brought up my life from the pit.

3. To us

Judah visited the temptation then turned aside after it – Joseph turned away, refusing to listen or be close to it. Finally he fled and severed himself from the connection.

Popularity and success has its price, am I ready for it?

Doing the right thing doesn’t always feel right or win us any friends but ‘God is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Heb 11:6)

If you are new or visiting; *a special warm welcome to you.* We trust you enjoy your time with us.

Today we will be having communion. If it is your practice to participate in this we welcome you to join with us in celebrating the Lord’s Supper. If this is not your custom or if you are unsure of what to do please just pass the emblems (bread and wine) to the person next to you.

Today

- Speaker Roger Leslie
- Pot Luck lunch, Wray St Youth Hall, 18 Wray Street
- JCF 5.00pm

Creation Evangelism

Sunday evening, 7pm Creation Evangelism video. Partly training and introductory material. See Noel for details.

Monday - Planning meeting August 4th. Please see one of the elders if you would like items added to the agenda.

Thursday Kids Club

- Kids Club for Year 3 - Year 7 Thursday 6:30pm - 7:30pm Wray Street Youth Hall For more information contact:- Hamish Smith, (03) 4739547

Next Week

- **Sunday** Ross Pettigrew

Crèche Roster

- July 27, Catherine Pettigrew
- August 3, Rosie Pettigrew

Prayer

Please pray for **Fred & June King** who are in Fiji for a period of 5 week visitation to encourage those who are there and also to do ministry. Pray for good health for them while they are away.

