

Genesis 39

"The Darkest Hour"

Agent of Blessing - Closer to the King 1 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)

Joseph's three discounts: Pit, Potiphar, Prison

Presence of YHWH

there. 2 The LORD was with Joseph, (so) he became a successful

Progression

man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

Effect of presence

3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the

Presence

Effect of presence

LORD caused (all) that he did to prosper in his hand. (So) Joseph

Success Prosperity Favor

found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and

Progression: Slave -> In house -> In charge

he made him overseer over his house, and (all) that he owned

he put in his charge. 5 It came about that from the time he made

Midas touch

him overseer in his house and over (all) that he owned, the LORD

Effect of presence

blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the

Blessing on account of Joe.

LORD'S blessing was upon (all) that he owned, in the house and in

House & Field = Comprehensive Blessing c.f. Abrahamic Cov.

the field. 6 So he left (everything) he owned in Joseph's charge;

same word as "all"

and with him there he did not concern himself with anything

except the food which he ate.

Ominous statement

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. 7 It came

She noticed, too

about after these events that his master's wife looked with

"EYES"

(X2)

Integrity

desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused

All she says always to Joe ... BUT he v.8-9

She is not his

and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me here, my master

Rehearses his blessed situation

does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he

has put (all) that he owns in my charge. 9 There is no one greater

Implication: If I give in, I will be moved out (of blessing).

in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me

One thing withheld

except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this

all of life lived under God

great evil and sin against God?" 10 As she spoke to Joseph day

Continual temptation
Has maintained Purity & Integrity

after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her. ¹¹ Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. ¹² She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside. ¹³ When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴ she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought in a Hebrew

Refused words?
Presence

What she says always
Joseph refuses & will stay in sphere of Divine Blessing

Order:
left -> fled -> voice

Incorporates household against Joseph

to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed. ¹⁵ When he heard that I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside." ¹⁶ So she left his garment beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she spoke to him with these words, "The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me; ¹⁸ and as I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

Changes the order
voice -> left -> fled

¹⁹ Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," his anger burned. ²⁰ So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined;

Closer to King - Progression

3rd descent before ascent
Effect of Presence

and he was there in the jail. ²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²² The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge (all) the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it. ²³ The chief

Presence
"EYES"

Effect of Presence
"favor" i.e. prosperity in Prison!

Progression: one thing withheld to nothing withheld

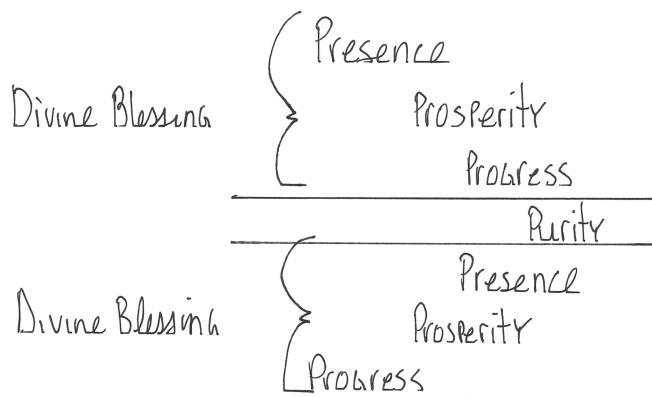
Align of Prosperity

Presence

because the LORD was with him; and whatever he

Prosperity

did, the LORD made to prosper.



Integrity enables him to remain in blessing to be a blessing.