

Where's Your Chair?

Genesis 39 7-23



I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
Psalm 104:35

Praising:

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

Reading:

Genesis 39:7-23
A different sort of temptation

Had Joseph succumbed to the advances of Potiphar's wife, the truth is he didn't have a lot to lose. He was a foreign slave with no reputation to worry about and no family on hand to bring shame upon. In choosing to resist, what's more, he ends up being falsely accused and punished as though guilty anyway. But it's Joseph's reason for resisting that's most revealing: he was not prepared to sin against God. In a situation where he could almost certainly have got away with it,

Joseph's love for God holds him back. All believers face moments when they say to themselves: sure no one will ever know – I can get away with this. It's in what we decide to do next that we discover how much we really do love God, if indeed we love him at all.

Listening:

Praying:

Be with us Lord

- when drawn to do things we think we can get away with
- when the path of least moral resistance calls to us again and again
- when we suffer unfairly for choosing what's right over what's wrong

Father: show me in Christ, the love it took to take my sins away. For there are times when I feel I love you with all my heart. And then there are times when sin comes along. Amen

Doing: