

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:7-20

Reverential Fear of God with Love Will Always Bless Us

There were no brothers to be envious of the promotion that Joseph received in Egypt; from being a slave to becoming an officer. Joseph thought that his position and joy would be permanent; but then came the trouble through Potiphar's wife. This time he was not tempted through death but through fleshly lusts. Since Joseph truly loved God from his childhood, he considered fleshly lusts as dangerous death. Joseph said Potiphar's wife that he had been faithful in his work not to receive a mere good name or reward from his master, but rather to be faithful to his God who has led him and exalted him. He was willing to even risk his life rather than accepting a sinful offer. Instantly the woman lied against Joseph and imprisoned him. Joseph went into the prison with a smile on his face.

Question:

There were no parents to question him. There were no brothers to mock him of his sin. How did he receive the boldness and power to say a NO to sin?

Answer:

Joseph in his childhood did not come to his father and complained about his brothers in order to receive a coat of many colors. He did that so that his brothers will not sin and therefore be separated from God. What does this teach? A love filled Godly fear that Joseph had about sinning against God and being separated from his presence enabled him to boldly give up on anything. It was this love that encouraged him to say a NO to his fleshly desires and went to the prison with a smile on his face.

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear". 1 John 4:18

Prayer

Dear father, give us the strength to flee from all lusts just like Joseph. Amen