



THE FAMILY OF GOD:
A SERIES THROUGH GENESIS

PURITY
of a
FAMILY

GENESIS 39:1-20

I. PROSPERING IN CAPTIVITY

Joseph was **purchased** as a slave.

Joseph **prospered** as a servant.

Extent In everything that he did, Joseph prospered.

Effect Potiphar was blessed through Joseph.

Means Joseph probably prospered through all his various talents, skills, experience, knowledge, and wisdom.

Source The true power and source of his prosperity was God's presence.

- What is the captivity you are living in?
- Is your soul prospering?

II. TEMPTED BUT TRIUMPHANT

The Great Temptation

1. Temptation's Timing

- Satan is always looking for the opportune time to attack.
- Be on guard—it's not *if* but *when* temptation comes.

2. The Unexpected Snare

- Joseph was “beautiful in form and in appearance”
- To her, Joseph wasn't a person of worth but an object of desire.

3. The Nature of Joseph's Temptation

- This was an attack on Joseph's sexual purity and moral integrity.
- Given the circumstances, he would have been tempted to give in.

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The Greater Triumph

1. The *manner* of Joseph's refusal

Prompt He refused first, explained later.

Firm His decision to remain pure was categorical.

Brave He was ready to accept the consequences of his decision.

2. The *reason* of Joseph's refusal

- A pure sense of loyalty to his master
- A pure sense of the sacredness of marriage
- A pure sense of the wickedness of sin

III. PERSEVERANCE AMID PERSECUTION

The False Charge

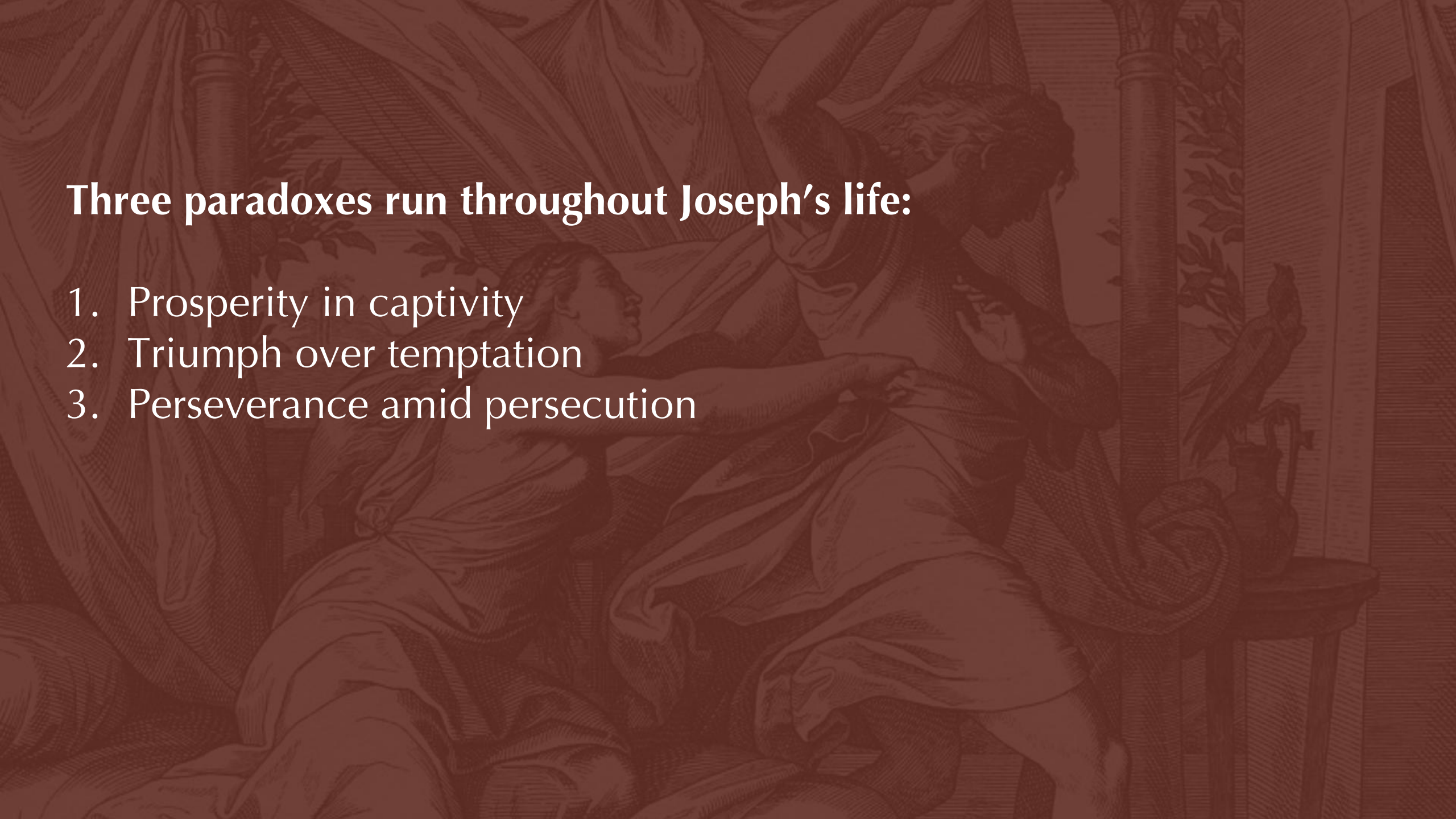
- The immediate consequence of Joseph's faithfulness was the false charge made against him.

The Unjust Penalty

- Despite Potiphar's burning anger, he puts Joseph in prison—a lesser but still unjust punishment.

Lessons for Us

1. God's ways are often mysterious, nevertheless they are always good.
2. A godly person manifests godliness in any situation or circumstance.
3. Present trials are brief when compared with our eternal destiny.
4. The righteous often suffer injustice.



Three paradoxes run throughout Joseph's life:

1. Prosperity in captivity
2. Triumph over temptation
3. Perseverance amid persecution



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