

RICHES TO RAGS
GEN. 37:28, 36 / 7-16-17 / PM

I. A SLAVE IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE.

- A. God blessed him--39:1-4.
- B. God blessed Potiphar because of him--39:5.
- C. He was tempted in Potiphar's house.
 - 1. He was handsome .
 - 2. He was tempted--39:7-8a.
 - 3. He was falsely accused--39:11-18.
 - 4. He was falsely imprisoned--39:19-20.

II. A PRISONER IN PHAROAH'S JAIL.

- A. God was still with him in prison--39:21a.
- B. God blessed him in prison--39:21b-23
- C. He was forgotten in prison.
 - 1. While in prison he interpreted the cup bear's dream--40:9-14 and 21.
 - 2. Also in prison he interpreted the baker's dream--40:16-19 and 22.
 - 3. The cupbearer forgot about helping Joseph get out of prison--40:23.

III. LESSONS

- A. Joseph's strengths displayed as a slave and prisoner.
 - 1. He was a good administrator.
 - 2. God was still with him--39:2.
 - 3. God blessed others through Joseph.
 - 4. Joseph feared God--39:9b.
 - 5. God was more concerned about his character than his comfort.
- B. Lessons for us today.
 - 1. Bad things keep happening to good people but this doesn't mean God has forgotten us.
 - 2. No one is above temptation to sin.

3. Bloom where you're planted.
4. Be patient, God isn't finished with you yet.
5. Remain faithful to God even if you think He's forgotten you.