

Joseph – AK 10

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

WRITE IT OUT!

(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – What great lesson do we learn from the life of Joseph in overcoming temptation?

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

There are many lessons that we can learn from Joseph's victory over temptation, but the primary lesson is that when we are tempted to sin in our flesh we must flee. It is better to run from temptation and avoid sinning than to attempt to stand strong and fail.

1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 - VERSES

Questions 2 – Reflect on Joseph's life; what is the significance of Joseph's statement in Genesis 50.20?

2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

In Genesis 50:20 Joseph says, "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive." The students may have various responses to this verse but in general Joseph viewed his life with all its struggle and hardship as well as all of its success as the hand of God bringing him to this position. Even when Joseph suffered at the hand of others, God was working His plan.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

2 - VERSES

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – What in your background or upbringing has God given you grace to overcome?

1 - COMMENTS

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1 - VERSES

- [John 16:33](#) These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
- [1 Cor. 15:57](#) Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- [1 John 4:4](#) That your joy may be full.
- [1 John 5:4](#) Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world --- our faith.

EXAM 2 – The author says, “Somewhere along the line, our words and actions will . . . influence . . . others for good or evil.” How have you personally experienced this principle?

2 - COMMENTS

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2 - VERSES

- [Eph. 4:29](#) Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.
- [Matt. 22:37-39](#) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.
- [James 1:21-25](#) Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

EXAM 3 – Read the final paragraph of the lesson again. Pick one or two of the steps listed there and share how they are helping you resist temptation.

3 - COMMENTS

- Have you become one of His children through faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who suffered, shed His blood, and died for your sins and mine on the cross? That’s the first big step. Then we need to want to confess and forsake sin.
- Reference or give to the student the Captive's Corner Freedom from Sin's Bondage

3 - VERSES

- [Prov. 28:13](#) He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.
- [1 John 1:9](#) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

To constantly yield ourselves to the Lord:

- [Rom. 6:19](#) Now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

- [Rom. 12:1-2](#) Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. To read, study, meditate on, obey, and memorize God's Word:
- [Ps. 119:9](#) How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.
- [Ps. 119:11](#) Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

To spend time day by day in prayer:

- [Matt. 6:13](#) And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.
- [Col. 4:2](#) Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving. To form close friendships with other Christians:
- [Heb. 10:25](#) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

To serve the Lord:

- [1 Cor. 15:58](#) Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

To discipline the body:

- [1 Cor. 9:27](#) But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

To control our thought life:

- [Phil. 4:8](#) Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy --- meditate on these things.

To avoid anything that would lower our resistance to sin, such as alcohol and drugs:

- [Rom. 13:14; Jude 23](#) Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

EXAM 4 – How have your own experiences and trials been the means of developing your Christian character?

4 - COMMENTS

- When we stay focused on Christ, we build our house on His solid foundation

4 - VERSES

- [Luke 6:46-49](#) But why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.

EXAM 5 – Give an example of God's faithfulness to you in an area you have exercised trust in Him.

5 - COMMENTS

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5 - VERSES

- [1 Cor. 1:9](#) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- [Heb. 10:23](#) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
- [Matt. 25:23](#) His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.

EXAM 6 – How has God worked through your conscience to bring you to an awareness of sin in your life?

6 - COMMENTS

- Reference or give to the student the Captive's Corner Indwelling Sin

6 - VERSES

- [Eph. 5:11-13](#) Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.
- [John 3:20](#) For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.
- [John 8:12](#) I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

EXAM 7 – The author says, “God often uses the moral power of the fear of judgment to prove, search, guide, warn, and purify us.” Comment on this from your own life.

7 - COMMENTS

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7 - VERSES

- [Job 28:28](#) To man He said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.
- [Ps. 111:10](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.
- [Prov. 1:7](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- [Prov. 9:10](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

EXAM 8 – Comment on one of the “Points to Ponder” that speaks especially to you.

8 - COMMENTS

Points To Ponder:

- 1. God pursued the ten brothers through Joseph's actions with a view to their repentance while they were still living.
- 2. Even if sin is not brought home to its perpetrators in this life, it will be in the next.
- 3. All sinners who die in their sins, having rejected Christ, will one day stand before God at His Great White Throne Judgment (See [Revelation 20:11-15](#)).
- 4. The extremities and adversities of life often bring out the true character or level of maturity of the individual.
- 5. God has built the principle of cause and effect, of sowing and reaping, into the moral fabric of human experience. This is a principle we cannot avoid.
- 6. We need to keep in mind that what God permits because of the action of others {1} may not be the fault of the individual in view; {2} can easily become the basis for bitterness; and {3} may never be understood in this life.
- 7. We must never commit a wrong to try and correct a wrong.
- 8. The sins of others do not give us an excuse to sin.
- 9. We must not be "soft" on sin. Each needs to face up to their sins, including their spiritual and natural consequences, even though others may seem to get by with sin.
- 10. Let's not blame others for what we are individually responsible and accountable.
- 11. We must trust God when He allows trials to come into our lives.

8 - VERSES

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EXAM 9 – What lessons have you learned from this portion that you can put into practice this week?

9 - COMMENTS

Points To Ponder:

- 1. Hold no grudges.
- 2. Accept adverse conditions without self-pity.
- 3. Always think of life in terms of God.
- 4. There are kind people in positions of authority even in unlikely places.
- 5. When everything seems against us, life sometimes unfolds some pleasant surprises.
- 6. Be patient, wait expectantly on God, and perhaps you will receive some "good news" today which will revive your spirit.

9 - VERSES

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EXAM 10 – Recognizing that “we became the Lord’s servants when we believed in Christ,” how are you currently serving the Lord?

10 - COMMENTS

- Reference or give to the student the Captive's Corner Today's Priesthood and It's Sacrifices

10 - VERSES

- [Gal. 5:13](#) For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
- [1 Peter 3:15](#) Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.
- [James 1:21-25](#) Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.
- [Mark 5:19](#) Tell them what great things the Lord has done for you.
- [Mark 16:15](#) Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
- [Rom. 12:1-2](#) Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

EXAM 11 – Read again the quote from Scroggie on page 72. How would you respond to his challenge? What do you expect “will stand out above all other things, promoting gratitude or regret” at the end of your life?

11 - COMMENTS

- Quote: “Jacob has not much longer to live; now he turns his attention to the past. When life draws toward a close, a thousand things which have absorbed much of our time and strength will fade from our interest, if not from our memory, and only that will remain which has really held sway in the soul.... Should you at the end of life have time to reflect, what in your life do you suppose will stand out above all other things, promoting gratitude or regret? That will depend upon the things you are living for now.”

11 - VERSES

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EXAM 12 – What is your attitude towards your own eventual passing? How has this lesson helped you on this subject?

12 - COMMENTS

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12 - VERSES

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