



None of the men of the house there within

Genesis 39:7-16 *And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. 8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; 9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? 10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. 11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. 12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. 13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: 15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. 16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.*

Genesis 39:11 It is interesting and very telling that the Bible mentions "*none of the men of the house there within.*"

- a) Joseph was in the house to do his business, but there was "none of the men of the house there within." Was this a holiday? Why were there no men in the house but a woman that was constantly asking Joseph to lie with her?
- b) This was a setup or a doctored atmosphere to get Joseph to compromise after all "none of the men of the house there within." After Joseph fled, she called the men out." *13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:"*
- c) How did Joseph miss seeing this? Something was wrong with this picture. I would not be in a house alone with a woman that I know was after me.

- d) Satan will create a perfect environment for you to sin or compromise.
- e) Don't be with a female or an opposite sex alone in the house, especially with one who has been pressuring and stocking you.
- f) While Joseph did not hearken to her, lie with her, nor be with her, we need to be careful not to be in the appearance of being with her. It is tempting to be with her. It's an opportunity for error and slander.
- g) This was either a lack of sensitivity or naivety on Joseph's part. This was dangerous.