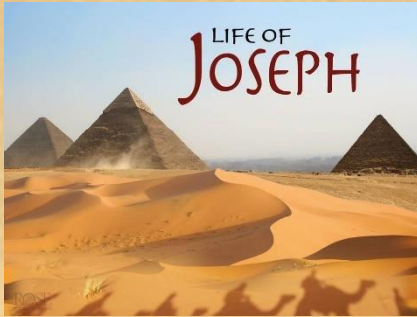


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# **Suffering for Doing Right?!?**

**(Genesis 39:13-23)**



# Jacob's Sons

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- ❖ **Reuben** By Leah
- ❖ **Simeon** By Leah
- ❖ **Levi** By Leah
- ❖ **Judah** By Leah
  
- ❖ **Dan** By Bilhah (Rachel)
- ❖ **Naphtali** By Bilhah (Rachel)
  
- ❖ **Gad** By Zilpah (Leah)
- ❖ **Asher** By Zilpah (Leah)
  
- ❖ **Issachar** By Leah
- ❖ **Zebulun** By Leah
  
- ❖ **Joseph** By Rachel
- ❖ **Benjamin** By Rachel

## James 1:2-4

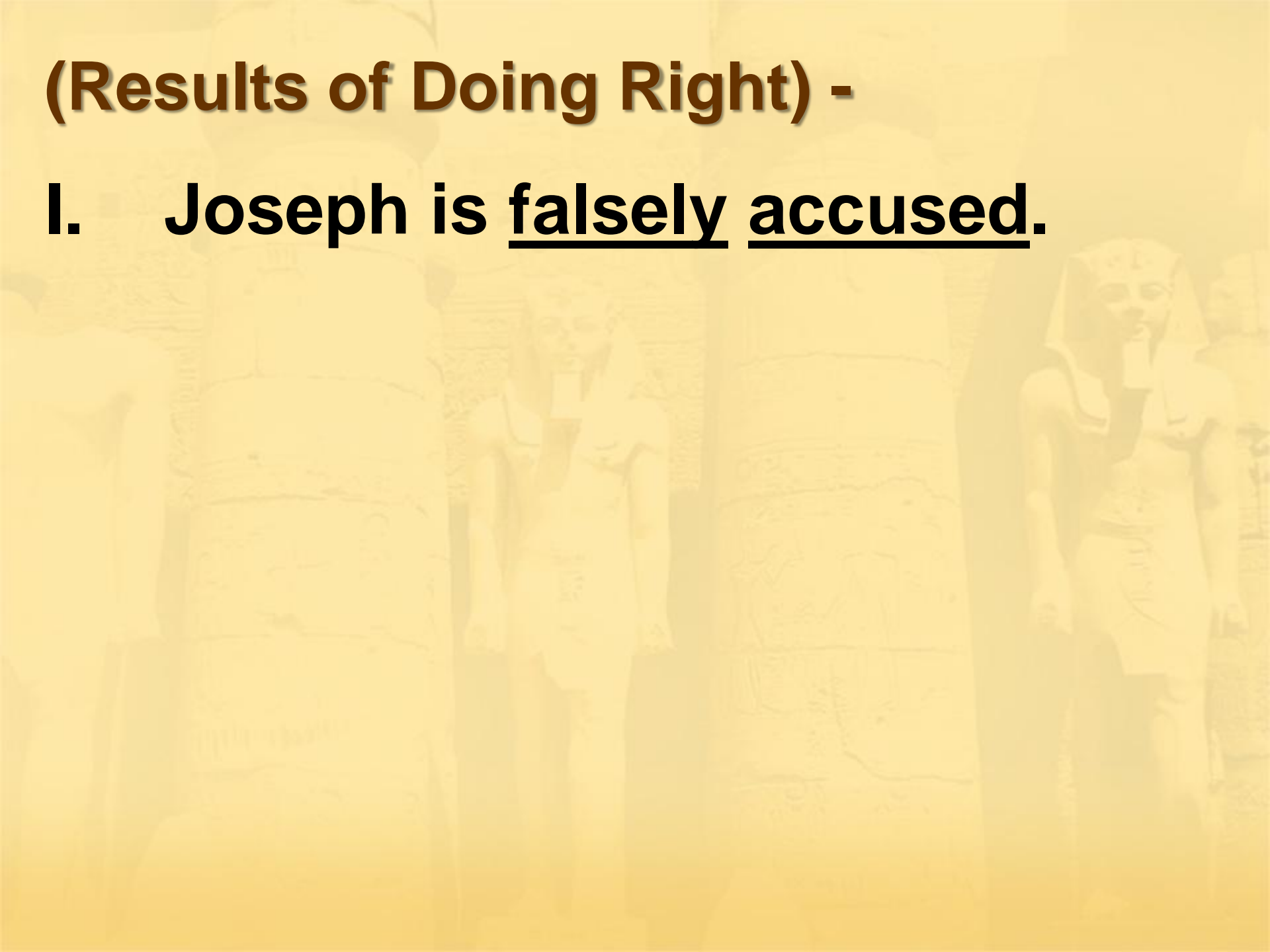
- 2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,
- 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.
- 4 And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

# How to Resist Temptation

1. Don't contemplate sinning.
2. Don't turn off your brain.
3. Right view of sin.
4. Right view of God.
5. Don't toy with temptation – flee.

# **(Results of Doing Right) -**

**I. Joseph is falsely accused.**



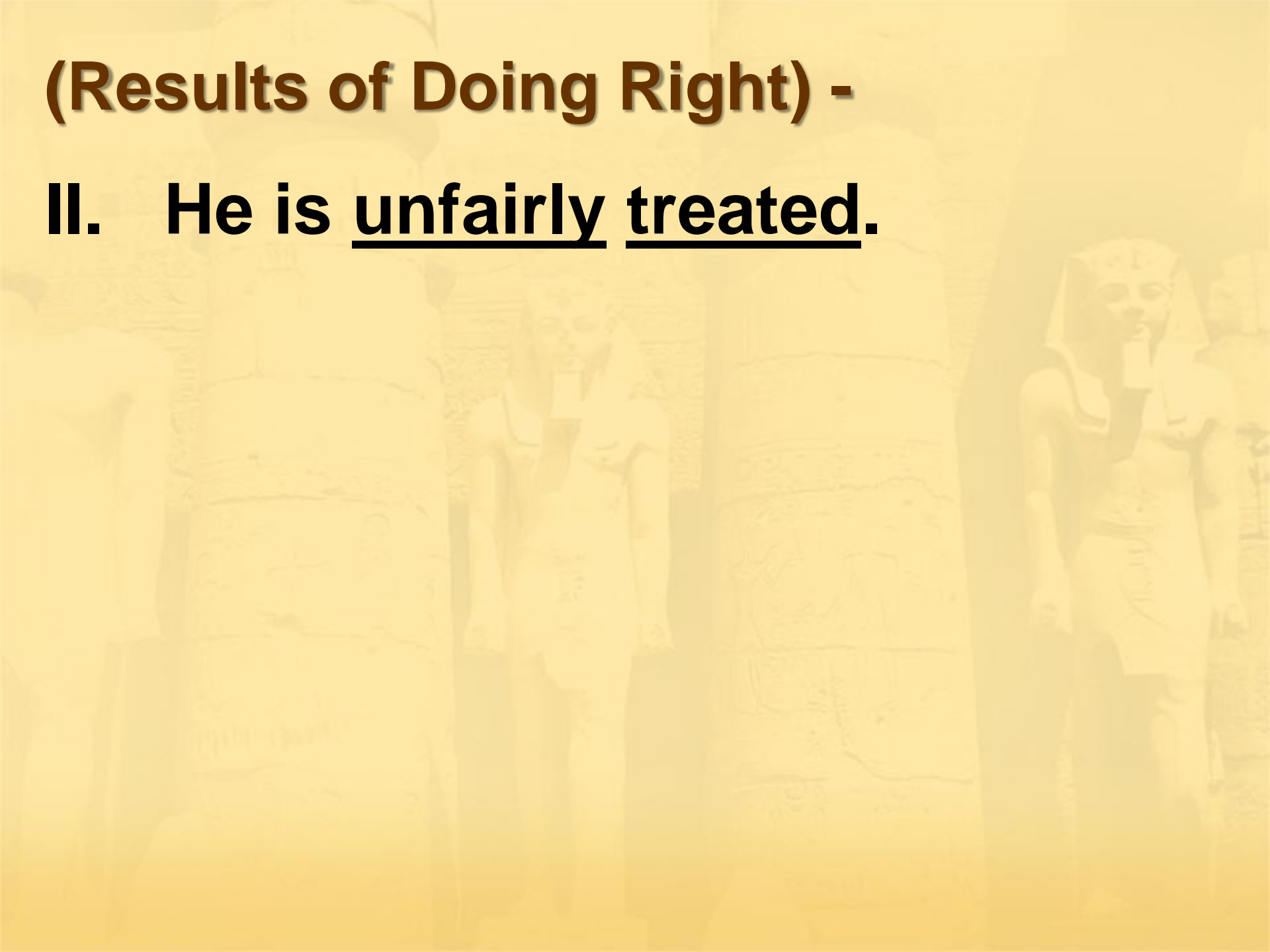
# **(Results of Doing Right) -**

## **I. Joseph is falsely accused.**

- (Hard Q. – Do I despise this woman or do I identify with her)?

**(Results of Doing Right) -**

**II. He is unfairly treated.**



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- (Does this give you a license for a B A)?



## **Matthew 5:10**

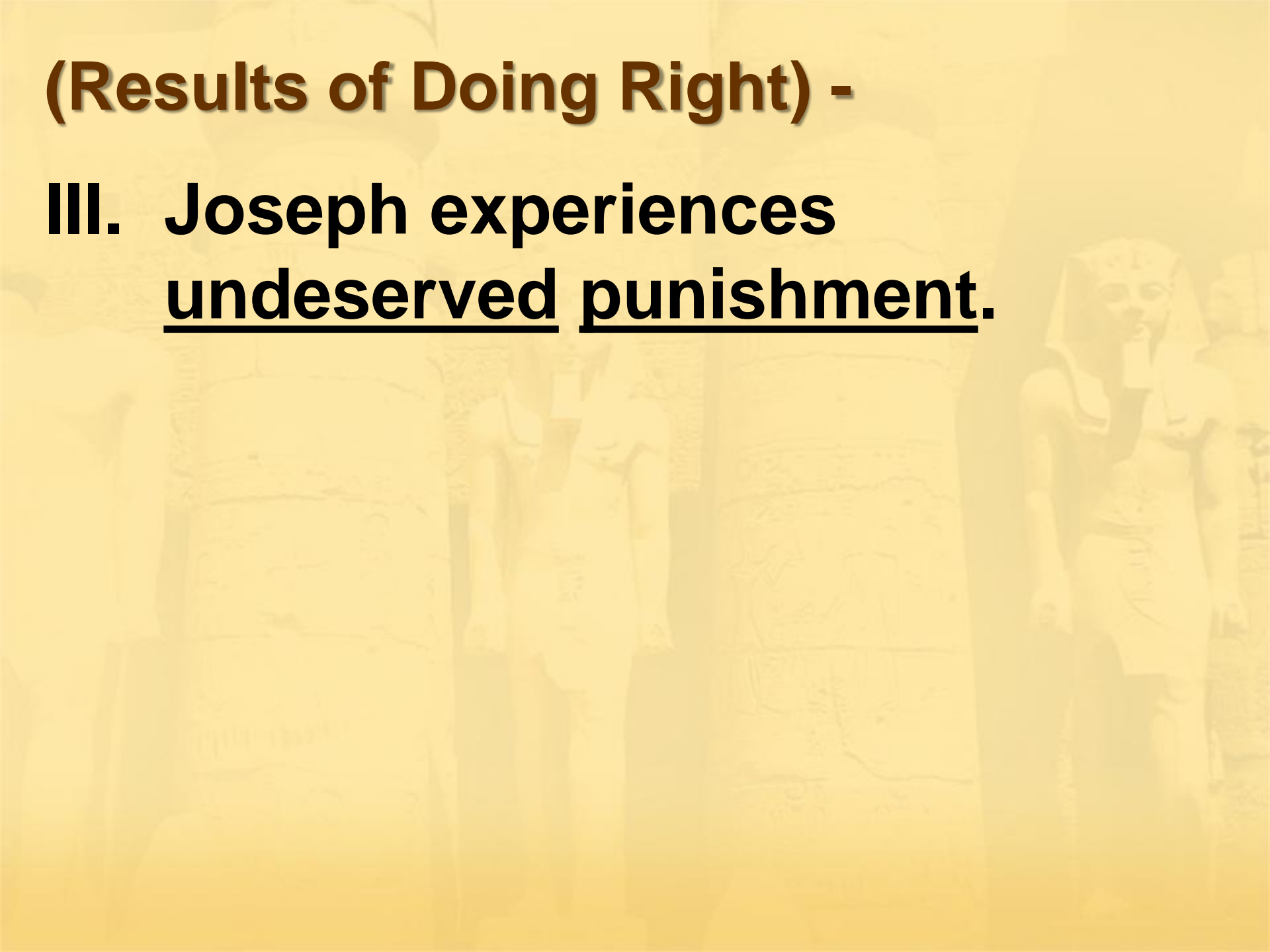
<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

## I Peter 4:12 & 13

- <sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;
- <sup>13</sup> but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

**(Results of Doing Right) -**

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- (Stop here and consider the cross).

## Psalm 105:16-19 (ESV)

- <sup>16</sup> When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread,  
<sup>17</sup> he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.  
<sup>18</sup> His feet were hurt with fetters;  
his neck was put in a collar of iron;  
<sup>19</sup> until what he had said came to pass,  
the word of the LORD tested him.

“There are times in life when we wonder whether it is worth the bother to be good. I have known men in business who have done the right thing, but they have not benefited from it. Others have lost promotion, or been made redundant, and in some cases people have lost their reputation because the dogs were unleashed against them. In the history of the church, not all who chose to do the right thing saw any visible fruit for their troubles. Some were put in prison and ended their lives there.” – L. Goligher

“God is both *infinite* and *personal*: He is infinite in that He is not subject to any of the limitations of humanity, or of creation in general. He is far greater than everything He has made, far greater than anything else that exists. But He is also personal: He interacts with us as a person, and we can relate to Him as persons. We can pray to Him, worship Him, obey Him, and love Him, and He can speak to us, rejoice in us, and love us.” - Grudem’s Theology

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- God is faithful.



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- God is good.

# Psalm 1:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

## Nahum 1:7

7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him.

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- God is good.
- God honors faithfulness.