

“Sexual Integrity”

Genesis 38

Integrity means to have a commitment to do the _____, at all times, in a reliable, _____ way. The follower of Christ must understand that integrity means that a Holy GOD constantly _____ all of our actions and all our attitudes ... and _____ and punishes accordingly. To understand this is to know the _____. Proverbs 9:10, 10:27, Job 28:28, 2 Chron. 16:9

1. **Genesis 38:1** states “And it happened at _____.” This chapter seems out of place, because it breaks into the story of Joseph. But it is chronologically correct, and important since Genesis _____ the story of the descendants of Jacob, and their link to the Messiah, _____.
- A. In Chapter 38 Joseph was seemingly gone for good. He was sold into slavery at _____. He was elevated to Prime Minister of Egypt at _____. When the brothers arrived in Egypt the _____ of plenty had come and gone, replaced by _____ of famine. That meant that Joseph has been away from his family for _____. This was plenty of time for the events of Judah’s life to unfold.
- B. Reuben, Simeon, and Levi were out of _____ because of incest and treachery.
- C. The next in line was _____, who demonstrated poor character, too. Jacob traveled to Egypt (approx. _____ B.C.) with a large _____, and that family emerged 400 years later as a large _____. The Tribe of Judah is the Royal Tribe that the _____ would come from.

2. **Verse 1** also states, “Judah _____ from his brothers, and _____ _____ to a certain Adullamite, named Hirah.”
- A. This clearly demonstrated how morally _____ Canaan was to GOD’s People. This is ultimately what _____ the people of Israel over the centuries. Ex. 23:32, Deut.7:3, the Book of Joshua
- B. A Follower of CHRIST _____ stay strong, without the fellowship of other strong Believers. Heb. 10:24-25 The temptation is too strong to gradually start living like your _____, instead of living like the People of GOD. 2 Cor. 6:14-17 _____ are vital.

3. Judah had _____ with a Canaanite woman. **V.6-7** Judah arranged a marriage for his eldest son, _____ also with a Canaanite woman. GOD _____ because of his wickedness.
- A. Judah urged his second born son, _____ to wed his brother’s widow, in order to give her _____, and to raise up an heir in his brother’s memory. This is called a _____ Marriage. Deut. 25:5-10
- B. Onan showed _____ to the LORD, and _____ to his sister-in-law, by having pleasure with her, then _____ her, and breaking his

- promise. A _____ killed Onan. V.9-10
- C. GOD killed people in the Scripture. Does he kill people _____?
Ex. 4:24 Num. 22:21-44 1 Chron. 10:13-14 Acts 12:23 Acts 5:1-11
* *Have you _____ your Fear of GOD?*
- D. Judah kept this third son _____ from Tamar. **V.11-13**

4. _____ is a lack of integrity. In Genesis we see that:
- A. Jacob deceived his _____, Isaac, with a garment to get what he wanted. Gen. 27, Gal. 6:7-8
- B. Judah and his brothers deceived their father, Jacob, with Joseph's _____ garment. Gen. 37:31-32
- C. Tamar deceived _____ with her garments, to get what she wanted. **V.14-16** Tamar learned that her father-in-law had gone to Timnah for a _____ event. She went there dressed as a _____, and set up her _____ by the main road, knowing that he would pass.
- D. She knew that she could _____ him, which said little about his character.
1. Do you think that he had done this type of thing _____?
 2. Many people will act out in very stupid and destructive behaviors when _____.
 3. Tamar played the _____ by negotiating the price. Judah had _____ sex with his daughter-in-law. She _____ his seal, cord, and staff as promise of later payment. **V.15-19** Tamar was now _____.
 4. Judah later sent his goat as _____ by Hirah, but Tamar had left the area. **V.20-23** (it is not good for a man's _____ to keep asking for the whereabouts of a prostitute)
- E. The very height of _____ was Judah's moral indignation after hearing that his daughter-in-law was pregnant. **V.24-26** "*burn her*"

5. The Big Lessons:

- A. GOD honors sexual _____ and abhors sexual disobedience. The contrast here is between 2 brothers: Judah's sexual _____, compared with Joseph's _____ to sexual purity, in refusing to sleep with Potiphar's wife. **39:7-12** Do you want GOD to _____ you? To _____ you? **1 Sam.2:30**
- B. Sexual disobedience will cause you to lose your _____, GOD's favor, GOD's _____, spiritual power, future _____, forfeit eternal rewards, and incur GOD's _____. Heb. 13:4
- C. What if I have already messed up? If you _____ there is forgiveness and restoration for _____. **V.29** Perez means, _____.