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Let The Redeemed

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so Let the redeemed of the Lord say so Let the redeemed of the Lord say so I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed, Praise the Lord

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Lord I Lift Your Name

Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth To show the way From the earth to the cross My debt to pay

From the cross to the grave From the grave to the sky Lord I lift Your name on high

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Hosanna

Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest

Lord we lift up Your name With hearts full of praise Be exalted oh Lord my God

Hosanna in the highest

Glory, Glory Glory to the King of Kings Glory, Glory Glory to the King of Kings

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GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

















WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.



Standing On The Promises

Standing on the promises Of Christ my King Thro' eternal ages Let His praises ring Glory in the highest I will shout and sing Standing on the promises of God

Standing Standing Standing on the promises Of God my Savior **Standing Standing** I'm standing on The promises of God

Standing on the promises That cannot fail When the howling storms Of doubt and fear assail By the living Word of God I shall prevail Standing on the promises of God

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Standing on the promises I cannot fall List'ning every moment To the Spirit's call Resting in my Savior As my all in all Standing on the promises of God

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Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows You are tempest tossed When you are discouraged Thinking all is lost Count your many blessings Name them one by one And it will surprise you What the Lord hath done

Count your blessings Name them one by one Count your blessings See what God hath done Count your blessings Name them one by one Count your many blessings See what God hath done

When you look at others With their lands and gold Think that Christ has promised You His wealth untold Count your many blessings Money cannot buy Your reward in heaven Nor your home on high

Count your blessings Name them one by one Count your blessings See what God hath done Count your blessings Name them one by one Count your many blessings See what God hath done

So amid the conflict Whether great or small Do not be discouraged God is over all Count your many blessings Angels will attend Help and comfort give you To your journey's end

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God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers whose Almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise

Thy love divine hath led us in the past In this free land by Thee our lot is cast Be Thou our Ruler Guardian Guide and Stay Thy word our law Thy paths our chosen way

From war's alarms from deadly pestilence Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense Thy true religion in our hearts increase Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way Lead us from night to never ending day Fill all our lives with love and grace divine And glory laud and praise be ever Thine I License # 11074362

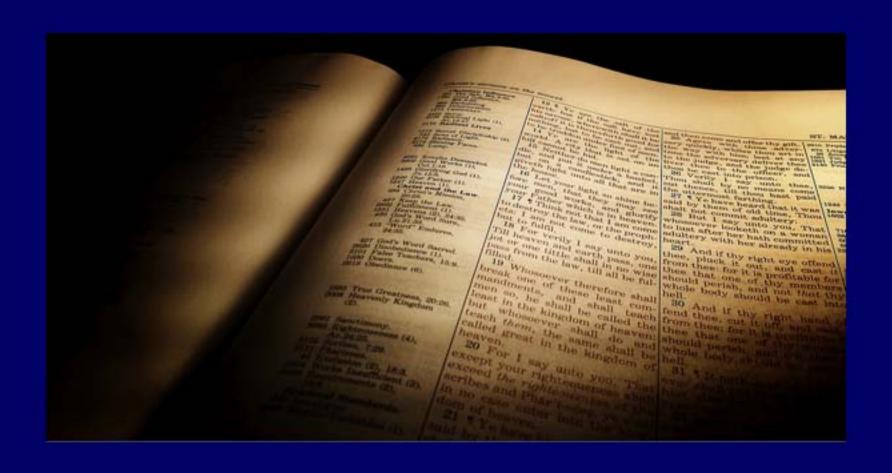


I Love You Lord

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WORSHIP THE LORD IN HIS WORD



Journey From Tragedy to Triumph

Lesson 10 - Your Greatest Legacy

TEXT: (Genesis 48:1-7)

Please open your Bible and read along with us.

Genesis 48:1-7 "After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.' And

now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)." (ESV)

Introduction:

3 John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (ESV)

In the previous two chapters we discovered how Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and sent them home to Canaan to bring his father Jacob and family to Egypt.

Upon their arrival Joseph asked Pharaoh to give his family the good grazing land in Goshen so they could live and work as shepherds.

Knowing his life was soon ending, at the age of 147, Jacob called for Joseph and requested to be buried with his fathers in the Promised Land (47:30).

Jacob did not die immediately, and since Joseph was prime minister of Egypt, he had responsibilities that would not allow him to stay with his father indefinitely.

However, sometime later Joseph was told, "Indeed your father is sick"; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim (48:1) to go to Jacob, which brings us to...

I. The Adoption (Genesis 48:1-7)

When Jacob is told of Joseph's arrival, he strengthens himself and sat up on the bed (48:2).

There was much Jacob could have told Joseph and his sons.

He could have told of the day he first saw Joseph's mother, his beloved Rachel, in Haran.

It was love at first sight.

He had promised her father Laban he would work for her hand in marriage for seven years.

Notice how the Bible describes those years?

Genesis 29:20 "So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her."

But when Joseph arrives, Jacob says to him,

"God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession." (Genesis 48:3-4).

Jacob renamed Luz "Bethel, (house of bread)."

This promise from God had given Jacob hope during the difficult times of life.

We should feel sorry for those who go through the tragedies of life without God.

There are over 7,000 promises in the Bible, and God will keep every one of them.

Though Jacob had no Bible and only ONE promise and was facing the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4), he would not fear."

Jacob tells Joseph that his two sons Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born in the land of Egypt. . are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine (48:5).

Thus, Jacob adopts Joseph's two sons as his own, giving Joseph double (portion) representation among the tribes.

The tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh would later become two of the most important tribes of Israel.

An important leader of Israel was originally named *Hoshea* (Numbers 13:8).

He was "...the son of Nun and from the tribe of Ephraim."

Do you know what he was later called and what he did?

Deuteronomy 31:14 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the days approach when you must die. Call Joshua and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may commission him." And Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting." (ESV)

Deuteronomy 31:23 "And the LORD commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you." (ESV)

Possibly, Jacob's adoption of Joseph's sons is prompted by memories of his wife Rachel who died in the land of Canaan in a placed called Bethlehem (Genesis 48:7).

Genesis 48:7 "As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)." (ESV)

The Bible says that we too as Believers have been adopted by none other than GOD Himself.

Ephesians 1:5 "having predestined us to <u>adoption</u> as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,"

Galatians 4:5 "to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the <u>adoption</u> as sons."

After the adoption, we come to...

II. The Blessing (Genesis 48:8-16)

Though Israel (Jacob) has been talking about adopting Joseph's two sons, he is not able to recognize them:

Genesis 48:8-10 "When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them." (ESV)

Genesis 48:11 "And Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also." (ESV)

Jacob had not dared to even hope of one day seeing the face of his son Joseph again, but God had even allowed him to see his grandsons through Joseph.

Aren't we an unthankful people? This is an example of the wonderful promise of:

1 Corinthians 2:9 "But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.""

Isaiah 64:4 "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."

"So Joseph brings his two sons and bows *down with his face to the earth* (Genesis 48:12).

It is significant that Joseph, although he was second-in-command of the most powerful nation on earth, still found it appropriate to show respect and honor by bowing down before his father.

Genesis 48:13 "And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him." (ESV)

Genesis 48:14 "And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn)." (ESV)

The chief blessing was given with the right hand so Joseph brought them before Jacob so he could simply put his right hand on Manasseh and his left on Ephraim head, who was the younger.

However, Jacob *knowingly* crosses his hands to reverse the blessings.

Then Jacob begins to give his blessing to Joseph and his grandsons by saying...

Genesis 48:15-16 "..."The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the

This is the first time in the Bible that God is pictured as a shepherd, and how fitting as the old shepherd Jacob is dying!

This is reminiscent of the wonderful statement found in Psalm 23:1.

Psalms 23:1 "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

How wonderful to be able to look back on one's life and say, God has been my Shepherd all my life to this day!

Though Jacob is dying in Egypt, outside the Promised Land, he knows God has not left him.

When life's journey ends, no matter how or where you die, we can confidently say with the apostle Paul if we have lived by God's promises:

2 Timothy 4:8 "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

Jacob continues his blessing in verse 16, "The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads, Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

This part of the blessing seems to suggest Jacob is transferring the rights of the firstborn to Joseph and his sons, and taking it away from Reuben.

We find the reason for Reuben losing the prestigious blessing of the firstborn in 1 Chronicles 5:1.

1 Chronicles 5:1 "Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright;"

Genesis 35:22 "And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard about it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:"

Reuben's sin cost him the double portion of inheritance that usually went to the firstborn (Deuteronomy 21:17).

Instead, it was transferred to Joseph, whose life had been virtually impeccable.

This is a reminder that when we sin we do not lose our salvation - our relationship to God—but we do lose some of the blessings He intends for us, not only in this life but in the life to come.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 "each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire." (ESV)

Having looked at the adoption and the blessing, let's now consider,

III. The Prediction (Genesis 48:17-22)

When Joseph sees his father is blessing Ephraim over Manasseh, "...he took hold of his father hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head (48:17)".

But when Joseph attempts to correct him,

Genesis 48:19-20 "But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great.

Nevertheless, his younger brother

shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh." Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh."(ESV)

Jacob was not giving the blessing according to the birth order, which was the normal custom, but according to a special revelation from God.

Here Jacob acts in obedience to God's leading.

On his death bed God gives him a prophetic glimpse into the future of his descendants.

This fact is verified centuries later when the tribe of Ephraim became a leading tribe in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, being superior to the tribe of Manasseh, as Jacob had predicted (1 Kings 12:19, 25).

As the Bible teaches, God is no respecter of persons despite birth order, status, or background.

In the Old Testament, God often used the younger son, such as Moses, Gideon, and David.

Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers (Genesis 48:21).

This is a wonderful message to all of us who will one day come to the end of our lives and have to leave our children and loved ones behind.

When it comes time for the Lord Jesus to die and leave His disciples, just hours before His crucifixion, He prays that God will keep them from the evil one (John 17:15).

Jesus knows there is only one way to protect His followers from evil.

John 17:17 ""Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

When it comes time for us to leave this world, the best way to know our loved ones will continue in God's will is by knowing we have taught them to revere and obey the Bible, God's inspired Word, which is truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Jacob says to Joseph, "Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow (48:22)".

This is the only mention of this incident in the Bible.

Jacob had apparently captured part of Canaan from the Amorites with his sword and bow.

Through the adoption, the blessing, and the prediction we see Jacob passing on a legacy to his descendants.

Every one of us has an <u>obligation</u> before we die to give our children a blessing, or legacy.

CONCLUSION:

This should be a very serious and solemn time when we sit down with our children and grandchildren to share God's blessing on our lives.

It should include an emphasis on the fact that God keeps His promises.

We also should express our desire that those we love be faithful to the God who has been our shepherd all our life. What are the most important things you think you should share with your loved ones about God and their relationship with Him when you come to the end of your life?



Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship
of kindred minds
Is like to that above

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers Our fears our hopes Our aims are one Our comforts and our cares

We share our mutual woes Our mutual burdens bear And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear

When we asunder part It gives us inward pain But we shall still Be joined in heart And hope to meet again

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