

## PASSING ON THE PROMISES ~ Genesis 48:1- 49:28

→ Scripture Reading Gen. 28:10-15

### NEARING THE END ~ Genesis 48:1-6

[1] After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. [2] And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. [3] And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, [4] 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.' [5] 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.

### BLESSING JOSEPH'S SONS ~ Genesis 48:13-22

[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). [15] And he BLESSED Joseph and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been MY SHEPHERD all my life long to this day, [16] 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 earth." ...[21] Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but God WILL BE WITH YOU and WILL BRING YOU AGAIN to the land of your fathers. [22] Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."

### APPLICATION

Jacob did NOT talk about the difficulties of his life instead he spoke ABOUT God Almighty and what God had DONE for him. Wiersbe

#### God IS...

- ALMIGHTY vs. 3
- promise MAKER vs. 4
- my SHEPHERD vs. 15
- my PROTECTOR vs. 16
- promise KEEPER vs. 21

#### Jacob Taught his Family to

- Worship ONLY God
- Believe the PROMISES of God
- OBEY the things God Commanded

**Deuteronomy 6:4-6** (ESV) "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5] You shall **LOVE the LORD your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your might.** [6] And these words that I command you today **SHALL BE ON YOUR HEART.**

**Deuteronomy 6:7-9** (ESV) **You shall teach them DILIGENTLY to your children,** and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. [8] You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [9] You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## MIXED BLESSINGS ~ Genesis 49:1-28

[1] Then Jacob called for his sons and said: "Gather around so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come. [2] "Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob; listen to your father Israel.

[8] "Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons will bow down to you. [9] You are a lion's cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a LION he crouches and lies down, like a lioness--who dares to rouse him? [10] The SCEPTER will NOT DEPART from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his. [11] He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. [12] His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk. ...[28] All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he BLESSED them, giving each the blessing APPROPRIATE to him.

## APPLICATION

**You Reap WHAT you Sow - and - You Reap MORE than you Sow**

**Galatians 6:7-8** (NIV) Do not be deceived: **God cannot be MOCKED.** A man reaps what he sows.

**Mock** - to show contempt for - to ridicule

**Galatians 6:7** (NET) Do not be deceived. **God will NOT be made a fool.** For a person will reap what he sows...

In Disregarding God's counsel, we will always suffer. Each of us by our thoughts, attitudes, and actions is constantly PLANTING for a future REAPING. **Time may pass before the crop ripens, but the harvest is inevitable. Consider the harvest!** Holman NT

## TAKE AWAY ??

**Exodus 32:29** (NET) Moses said, "You have been CONSECRATED today for the LORD, for each of you was against his son or against his brother, **so he has given a BLESSING to you today.**"