

# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Genesis 47:27-31 - A Promise Made**

Through a series of providential events, God has reunited Joseph with his family by bringing Jacob and his sons to Egypt. Even though the Egyptians are being forced to sell off all their livestock and land in order to buy food to stay alive, Joseph's relatives can get their food for free. Pharaoh is so pleased with the job that Joseph is doing that he is more than happy to provide for Joseph's family. Jacob lives 17 years after he comes into Egypt - this is far beyond his own expectation. When he is oldest and most frail, God takes care of him by causing him to live in comfort, well-looked after by his son. God cares for His people, always providing for them exactly what they need.

At last the time of Jacob's death draws near. No one is able to escape death. Jacob realises that he will not be on this earth much longer, and one thing concerns him. Where will he be buried? He wants to be buried in Canaan, the land of promise, the land given to his father and grandfather by the Lord God in a covenant agreement. Nothing will satisfy him, but to have Joseph swear that he will be buried in Canaan. When Joseph does swear this, Jacob bows his head and worships God, content to die now that his last worry has been dealt with.

Death will come to every one reading this. It is inescapable. When it does come, our thoughts should be full, not with the geographical location of our burial, but with the idea that we are going to Heaven - our Promised Land, and we, like Jacob, can bow our head and worship God for giving us so many good things.

## **Questions**

1. Where is Jacob living?
2. How long does he live after he moves from Canaan?
3. Why does he want to be buried in Canaan?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that God takes care of you.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."

Genesis 49:10

**Praise: Psalm 37 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Genesis 48:1-7 - Remembering What God has Done**

When Joseph hears that his father is sick, he immediately leaves his work and goes to see him out of respect and love. As Christians we have a responsibility to visit and care for those who are sick both in our own family and in the church family. The sickbed can often be a place of encouragement and godly instruction. Joseph takes his two sons with him, so that they might receive their dying grandfather's blessing, and that what they see and hear will make an impression upon them. It's good for young people to have contact and experience with the elderly servants of God and hear their testimony to God's goodness.

When Jacob hears that Joseph is coming he strengthens himself in order to give him some final instructions. Jacob also, out of love, gives Joseph's two sons a place equal with their uncles. It is as though he adopts them as his own sons. He recites God's promises to him: having many descendants and Canaan as an inheritance. Each of Joseph's sons will have an equal part in Canaan, along with Jacob's own sons. We should always be reminding ourselves and our children of God's promises to us.

Joseph's sons could have inherited positions of power and prestige in Egypt, but Jacob wants them to consider themselves Hebrews, not Egyptians, and value the promises of God more than the things of Egypt. It is better to be a small, seemingly insignificant part of God's church, than a famous and powerful person outside of God's kingdom.

### **Questions**

1. What are the names of Joseph's sons?
2. Why does Joseph come to see Jacob?
3. What does Jacob do for Joseph's sons and why?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that God keeps His promises to us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

### **Memory Verse**

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### **Wednesday - Genesis 48:8-22 - A Blessing**

Even though Jacob's age has left him blind, he is still very much aware of what he is doing. He loves Joseph's sons, and he is very thankful to God for allowing him to not only see Joseph, but also see Joseph's sons before he dies. God often blesses us far beyond our expectations.

Before he blesses his grandsons, Jacob retells his experiences of God's goodness to him and the constant care that God has shown to him. God provides for His people everything that they might ever need. He delivers His people from all evil through His Son, Jesus Christ. Our experiences of God's goodness are an encouragement to ourselves and others to keep on serving God with all our hearts.

As Jacob blesses Ephraim and Manasseh, he reminds them of the godly example of their ancestors. He then crosses his hands, giving the younger son the greater blessing. This is not a mistake; Jacob knows what he is doing. He is not showing favouritism to one more than the other, but he is acting in a spirit of prophecy and obedience to God's instructions. God sometimes gives more blessings or comforts to one person. But He always gives what is best for each person. Often He gives the most to those who are least likely. He chooses the weak things of the world to show His power and glory. God does not always prefer those we think He should prefer, but He does what He pleases

Jacob promises Joseph that one day his family will return to Canaan from Egypt. Though others die, God will never leave us, and one day we will be brought out of the Egypt of this world to a heavenly Canaan.

### **Questions**

1. How had Jacob's age affected him?
2. What had God done for Jacob?
3. Who did Jacob give a greater blessing to, and why was this unusual?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would keep on serving God with all our hearts.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Thursday - Genesis 49:1-4 - Reuben's Blessing**

Jacob calls his sons together both to bless them and prophesy. It comforts Jacob, as he lays dying, to see all his family about him and know that God has taken care of them. They are all to be one people, and so they should listen and learn from what he has to say to each of them. We cannot prophesy to our children about what their future days will be like, but we can tell them, from the Word of God, what will happen to them at the last day, based on their relationship with God.

Reuben is the firstborn, so Jacob begins with him. In the past Reuben has committed adultery with his father's wife (Genesis 35:22), and now because of that, he loses his birthright, and his father rebukes him. He is not disinherited, but he is not given the privileges of the firstborn. Jacob wants his other sons to see what Reuben has forfeited by his behaviour, so that they might understand the evils of sin. As firstborn, Reuben is his father's joy and pride; he has a place of respect and dignity over his brothers. But then Jacob pronounces judgement upon Reuben, saying he will no longer excel. No judge, prophet, or prince comes from that tribe, or any famous person, except for Dathan and Abiram who rebel.

Why does Reuben commit such a great sin resulting in his loss of importance in his family? Because his character is unstable. His virtue is unstable; he does not have self-control. Sometimes he will do what is right, and at other times all his sinful desires will break loose wildly. Because of his lack of self-control, his honour is unstable. He has thrown away his reputation. The consequences of sin can often last for a long time.

### **Questions**

1. Why does Jacob call everyone together?
2. Why does Reuben forfeit his birthright?
3. How does Jacob describe Reuben?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would see sin as God sees it.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Friday - Genesis 49:5-7 - Simeon and Levi**

Simeon and Levi are next in age to Reuben, and they also have been a grief and shame to Jacob, when they treacherously and cruelly destroy the Shechemites for the sin of their prince in raping their sister (Genesis 34). Simeon and Levi have characters quite different from their father, Jacob, who is generally a peaceful man. They are passionate and revengeful, fierce and uncontrollable; their swords, which they should have only used as a weapon of defence, are used as weapons of violence to do wrong to others, not to save themselves from wrong.

A proof of their character is found in the murder of the Shechemites which Jacob deeply resented at the time and still continues to resent. They killed Shechem and many others, and in order to accomplish this they tore down a wall, plundered and destroyed the houses, and murdered the inhabitants. The best household heads cannot always restrain those under their charge from committing the worst sins.

Jacob curses the anger of these two sons that has led them to such wickedness. Anger is the cause and origin of a great deal of sin and exposes us to the curse of God and His judgement. We ought always to distinguish carefully between the sinner and the sin, so as not to love or bless the sin for the sake of the person, nor to hate or curse the person for the sake of the sin.

The descendants of Simeon and Levi will be divided. The Levites were scattered throughout all the tribes, and Simeon's tribe dwindled in numbers so much, they were forced to settle in amongst other tribes.

### **Questions**

1. Who is next in line to be blessed?
2. Why is Jacob displeased with them?
3. How are their actions cursed?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would govern our anger.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## **Saturday - Genesis 49:8-12 - Judah**

Glorious things are here said of Judah. God is praised because of Judah. It is prophesied that Judah will be victorious and successful in war. This is fulfilled in King David who came from the tribe of Judah. Judah will be superior to the rest of the tribes; not only by being more numerous and famous, but by ruling over the other tribes. Judah led the other tribes through the wilderness and in the conquest of Canaan. The prerogatives of the birthright that Reuben, Simeon, and Levi had forfeited by their sinful actions are now given to Judah.

Judah will be a strong and courageous tribe, qualified for command and conquest. The tribe of Judah will not only obtain great victories, but will peaceably and quietly enjoy what was obtained by those victories - they will make war, not for the sake of war, but for the sake of peace.

Judah is to be the royal tribe, the tribe from which Messiah the Prince will come. Rulers will come from Judah until the coming of the Messiah, who, as king of the church and of the world, will rule forever. Much of this prophecy can be applied to our Lord Jesus. He is the ruler of all His Father's children, the conqueror of all His Father's enemies, and the praise of all believers. He is the lion of the tribe of Judah, who comes as a conqueror and sits at the right hand of the Father. He is the lawgiver who draws men to Him, uniting the children of God. In Him there is plenty of everything that is necessary and refreshing to the soul and joyful in life.

## **Questions**

1. Who gets the birthright of the firstborn?
2. What animal is Judah compared to?
3. Who will come from the tribe of Judah, and what kind of things will He do?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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