

GENESIS

God's unveiling plan of Redemption and Blessing

Study 65: Until we see His face (Genesis 46:1-30)

READ Gen 46:1-30 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig's [sermon](#).

When the brothers brought news of Joseph's survival and prosperity in Egypt, Jacob went to be reunited with his son. On the way down Israel worshipped the God of his father at Beersheba, and God removed his fears by encouraging him to go to Egypt with the Lord's presence and the promise that He would make of Israel a great nation and bring him back to the Promise Land to fulfill His promises.

Main Lesson: Until we see Christ's face believers are to seek and trust in His guidance, knowing that the path that promotes His glory is often one of difficulty.

Questions:

1. Why did Jacob stop at Beersheba to offer sacrifices before leaving the Promised Land? Consider the historical significance of this location for his father Isaac and grandfather Abraham. See 21:33; 22:19; 26:24; 28:10.
2. God told Jacob, "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt" (v. 3). What fears or hesitations do you think Jacob might have had? See 12:10ff; 26:2-3.
3. Jacob was 130 yrs old when he was sent to Egypt. Is there ever an age when we outgrow the need to trust in God? Explain.
4. What promises did God make to Jacob (vv. 3-4) and how did they compare to the promise Jacob had previously received (28:13-15)?

5. A. Why do you think God chose 400 years of affliction in Egypt (Gen 15:13-14) to make Israel into a great nation? Why didn't He do it in Canaan?

B. How does God use isolation and affliction to mature His people and prepare them to better serve His purposes? How do you feel about that?

6. A. Why does the author provide such a detailed and exhaustive genealogy of the seventy people who entered Egypt?

B. No one stayed behind in Canaan. What does this tell you about the importance of unity, commitment and accountability to a local church, God's covenant family? How might our individualistic view of Christianity affect this?

C. Are you a member of HBC or another local church? Why or why not?

7. What does Jacob's statement, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face," reveal about his heart and the fulfillment of his life's hopes?
8. How does knowing Jesus is alive give you hope in life and confidence in death?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: God whose wisdom and ways are infinitely higher than ours

Thank: the Lord for fulfilling all His promises in His perfect timing and way

Pray: that you would trust God to be with you and lead you in times of uncertainty