

GENESIS

God's unveiling plan of Redemption and Blessing

Jacob's Blessings (Part 2): The Greatest Legacy (Genesis 49:13-33)

READ Gen 49:13-33 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig's [sermon](#).

In blessing his sons, Jacob foretold what would befall each and their descendants in the latter days. Each blessing was informed by each son's unique character and confirmed what would occur to each of the associated tribes. In this process Jacob confirmed that his hope was in his God who had been his shepherd and his strength throughout all of his days. After blessing each of his sons Jacob requested his body be buried in the cave in Canaan, after which he died and was gathered to his people.

Main Lesson: The greatest legacy we can give our children is not what we leave for them, but the blessings of God we lead them to trust and treasure.

Questions:

1. What are some of the types of legacies parents leave their children and what type of legacy would you like to leave your children, or those you influence?
2. How did the prophetic blessings Jacob gave his children (49:1-33) confirm he knew the character of each and what does this tell you about the importance of knowing and treating your children as individuals according to who they are?
3. Despite some prophetic blessings being ominous, Jacob confirmed his hope was in God (v. 18). How can parents show their children that their peace, joy, and hope are rooted in God rather than in their children's choices or achievements?

4. In what ways can parents wrongly impose their own dreams or fears onto their children, and how can they instead guide them toward following Jesus? Consider Jesus' command to Peter to follow Christ in 1 John 21:21-22.

5. A. Jacob affirmed that Joseph was a fruitful bough which grew over the wall, affirming God's blessings flowed through him to others (v. 22). How was Joseph used to bless others?

B. What "archers bitterly attacked him" through his life and how did he remain strong (vv. 23-25)? See Ps 18:32; 27:14; Col 1:11.

C. What trials has God used to grow fruitfulness in your life as well as to use you to be a blessing to others? See 1 Peter 4:12.

6. What does Jacob's confidence about being "gathered to his people" (v. 29) teach us about death, resurrection hope, and eternal perspective?

7. What is one practical step you can take this week to help those you influence to trust and treasure the blessings of God?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: God, for His steadfast love and faithfulness throughout every season of life

Thank: the Lord for His sustaining grace and strength during every difficulty faced

Pray: that God would help you to find your peace, hope and joy in Him alone