

Sermon Notes



Title: "Jacob's Blessing of Pharaoh Was Not a Polite Gesture"

Text: Genesis 46:31-47:27

Theme: Jacob's blessing on Pharaoh was not simply a polite gesture. It was a tangible reality backed by God. When we bless others with the Gospel, God backs it up according to His purpose. It doesn't mean everyone will ultimately benefit. But it does mean it is still a blessing.

I. The _____ Meets Pharaoh
(46:31-47:12)

II. Joseph _____ the _____ of
Egyptian _____ (47:13-27)

III. Applications

A. Those who are a _____ to God's covenant family are _____ by God. Those who _____ the covenant people of God, God will _____.

B. We have something more _____ than lands or money with which to bless others. We have the _____, the message of how people can be _____ to God.

C. Covenantal blessings _____ to those _____ of the covenant who show _____ to God's people.

Next Week Read: Genesis 47:28-48:22

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. After reuniting with his family in Goshen, what did Joseph prepare his brothers to do (46:31-33)?
2. What did Joseph instruct his brothers to tell Pharaoh that their occupation was (46:34a)?
3. What attitude did Egyptians have toward this occupation (46:34b)?
4. How many brothers of Joseph went to see Pharaoh (47:2)?
5. What did the brothers of Joseph request from Pharaoh (47:4b)?
6. How did Pharaoh respond to the brothers' request (47:6)?
7. What did Jacob do when he first met Pharaoh (47:7)?
8. When Jacob met Pharaoh, what did the king ask him (47:8)? What was Jacob's answer (47:9a)?
9. How did Jacob characterize his life (47:9b)?
10. As Jacob and his family settled in Goshen and had all their needs supplied, what happened to the Egyptian population (47:13)?
11. What happened to the wealth of the Egyptian population (47:14-20)?
12. What eventually happened to the Egyptian people (47:21)?
13. What did Joseph allow the people to do in exchange for living and working on the land they sold to Pharaoh for seed and food (47:23-24)?
14. How did the people view Joseph's actions toward them (47:25)?
15. In contrast to the Egyptians, what was happening to Israel's family (47:27)?
16. How do you assess Pharaoh's attitude and actions toward Jacob and his family? What attitude of Jacob towards Pharaoh do you see is prominent in his meeting with the Egyptian monarch?
17. How are Christians to treat those who do them harm?
18. How does God view the unfair and unkind actions of others toward His people? What Biblical basis would you use to support your view?
19. What do you consider of value and worth among your possessions with which you can bless other people?
20. Do the blessings of the covenant affect those outside of it? If so, how?