

Sermon Notes



Title: "Jacob May Live in Egypt But His Heart Is in the Promised Land"

Text: Genesis 47:28-48:22

Theme: Jacob lived in Egypt, but his heart was in the promised land. He would dwell in a foreign land, but he knew where his true home was. Like Jacob, our home is where the Lord promised that we would dwell. That is where our hearts must be.

I. Jacob's Preparations for His _____ (47:28-31)

II. Jacob's _____ of Ephraim and Manasseh (48:1-20)

III. Jacob Bequeaths a Special _____ for Joseph in the Land of Canaan (48:21-22)

IV. Applications

A. Speaking a _____ and concluding with _____ is a powerful _____ today to perform for our _____ in leading them to follow and serve the LORD.

B. Jacob's _____ of Joseph's two sons is a picture of our _____ as _____ of God's promise.

C. Our true _____ lies in the _____ of _____ where ultimately it is _____ in the New Heaven and the New Earth.

Next Week Read: Genesis 49:1-28

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

1. How long did Jacob live in the land of Egypt? How old was Jacob when he died (47:28)?
2. What did Jacob ask his son Joseph to promise him (47:29)?
3. Why did Joseph visit his father? Who did he bring with him (48:1)?
4. What did Jacob do regarding the sons of Joseph (48:5)?
5. What would happen to other children of Joseph (48:6)?
6. What tradition did Jacob break with regard to Ephraim and Manasseh (48:13-14)?
7. How did Joseph react to this breach of tradition (48:17)?
8. How did Jacob respond to Joseph's attempt to correct him (48:19a)?
9. What did Jacob say about Ephraim? about Manasseh (48:19-20)?
10. What special inheritance did Jacob leave to Joseph (48:22)?
11. What tension is there between being a pilgrim in this world and yet also a member of a particular community on earth?
12. How do we live in this world and make contributions to it without forgetting where our real home lies?
13. What do you wish to leave your children or your relatives as an inheritance?
14. What of value has been left to you by a parent or by some other relative?
15. How does being adopted as God's child impact your daily life?