

Sermon Notes



Title: "Joseph Dies Knowing God Is in Full Control"

Text: Genesis 49:29-50:26

Theme: Joseph dies knowing, believing, and trusting that God is in full control of everything that has happened and will happen to bring His promise to pass. You and I cannot make it through all that we experience apart from the sovereign and loving hand of God.

I. The _____ and the _____ of the Patriarch Jacob (49:29-50:3)

II. Joseph and a Host _____ to Canaan to _____ Jacob (50:4-14)

III. Joseph's Brothers _____ His _____ After Their Father Is Gone (50:15-21)

IV. Joseph's _____ (50:22-26)

V. Applications

- A. God sovereignly _____ the freely chosen _____ of responsible human agents to bring about His perfectly _____ plan.
- B. All lifelong we have opportunities to _____ believing and trusting in the sovereign _____ of God's _____.
- C. You will not be _____ with a "God's will" _____ until you understand that anything less than _____ is horror, chaos, and irrationality.
- D. The wrong _____ to God's sovereign control of all things is to become _____ and/or _____.

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

1. Where did Jacob command his sons to bury him (49:29-30)?
2. Who else was buried in the spot where Jacob ordered that he be laid to rest (49:31)?
3. What did Joseph order the physicians of Egypt to do to the body of his father (50:2)? How long did this process take (50:3a)?
4. How long did the Egyptians mourn for Jacob (50:3b)?
5. What was Pharaoh's attitude and response when Joseph asked permission to leave the country to bury his father (50:6)?
6. Who went with Joseph to the land of Canaan to bury his father? Who did not go with Joseph? (50:7-9)?
7. When those who went with Joseph to the land of Canaan in order to bury Jacob entered the land, what did they do that caused the inhabitants to take note? What did these inhabitants of the place do in response? (50:10-11)?
8. After Jacob was buried, what did the brothers of Joseph fear (50:15)? What did they ask of Joseph (50:16-17)?
9. How did Joseph react when they sent word to him about their fears (50:17)?
10. Once the brothers themselves came to Joseph, what offer did they make (50:18)?
11. What was Joseph's answer to this offer from his brothers (50:19-21)?
12. When Joseph was nearing death, about what did he request that his brothers take an oath (50:24-25)? How old was Joseph when he died (50:26)?
13. Why do you suppose the brothers were afraid that, once their father was gone, Joseph would exact revenge on them for what they had done, even though Joseph had years earlier forgiven them?
14. Have you ever found it difficult to forgive? Why? Have you ever found it difficult to receive forgiveness? Why?
15. How had life in the promised land become a reality through death and a grave? How does death and a grave (tomb) bring us life?
16. What is meant by the sovereignty of God? How extensive is this?
17. What are some objections to God's sovereign control of all things? What are responses to these objections?
18. Why do you suppose people resist and reject God's full control of all things that happen? What are some implications if the contrary would be true, that God is not in full control of all things?
19. What are some improper responses to the truth that God is in full control of all that happens?
20. In what ways has God's sovereignty made a practical effect on your life?