

SUNDAY SERVICE 8-29-21

MESSAGE RECAP & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Joseph's family is reunited in Egypt in a grand reunion. We see evidence that some of Jacob's sons are blessed and forgiven and other sons are not blessed due to their past sins. God wants to take our sin and dysfunction and REDEEM it. We have hope beyond the struggles of this life as we look to eternal life in heaven with the Lord.

1. Read Genesis 50:20 – How can God take the difficult things of this life and redeem them for his purpose?
2. How has God blessed you?
3. How does it make you feel, as a believer, when you realize heaven is our destiny?

Family Discussion:

1. Why do you think bad things happen in this world?
2. What does God think about this?
3. What do you think heaven is going to be like?



Jacob Blesses His Dysfunctional Family (Genesis 49)

SONS	PROPHECY	SIGNIFICANCE
1. Reuben <i>(oldest son)</i>	Unstable and Reckless "boiling waters"	*No one significant comes from his line.
2. Simeon	Violent / Cruel / Killers	Land divided to others
3. Levi	Violent / Cruel / Killers	Land divided to others Descendants: <i>Aaron, Moses, Eli, Zacharias, John the Baptist</i>
4. Judah	The Lion / The Ruler	Success: Line of the King & Messiah Descendants: <i>David and Jesus</i>
5. Zebulun	Haven for Ships	Given significant land / trade routes
6. Issachar	Donkey	Given rich farm land Robust and hardy people
7. Dan	Judge / Serpent	Justice for God's people Lacked morality & idolatry Descendant: <i>Samson</i>
8. Gad	Overcomer / Raiders	Harassed but find military success
9. Asher	Rich food	Best farmers Receives fertile coastal farm land
10. Naphtali	Doe	Other tribes would admire them
11. Joseph	Fruitful and strong <i>(Growth and prosperity)</i>	Two sons Ephraim and Manasseh receive the double blessing Descendants: <i>Joshua, Gideon, Samuel</i>
12. Benjamin	Wolf	Fierce and warlike Descendants: <i>King Saul, Jonathan, Ehud, Esther and Paul</i>

**Joseph gets the double blessing. Judah gets the leadership. Levi becomes the priestly line.*