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GENESIS 48

The Providence of God

“God is a perpetual refuge and security to his people. His providence is not confined to one generation; it is not one age only that tastes of his bounty and compassion. His eye never yet slept, nor has he suffered the little ship of his church to be swallowed up, though it has been tossed upon the waves ... In all generations he is a dwelling place to secure his people here or entertain them above. His providence is not wearied, nor his care fainting ... The church never wanted [lacked] a pilot to steer her and a rock to shelter her and dash in pieces the waves that threaten her.”

(Stephen Charnock, *The Existence and Attributes of God*)

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. (Genesis 50:20)

The Background (Genesis 37-47)

Joseph tested his brothers, and the breakthrough moment came when Judah offered to take Benjamin's place in prison.

Joseph and Jacob were reunited after 22 years, and Jacob lived another 17 years in Egypt. Jacob made Joseph promise to bury him in Canaan with _____ (Genesis 47:29-31, 49:28-33).

The Certainty of Death (Genesis 48:1-10)

The story of Joseph is part of a larger story – one that involves _____ and _____ (Genesis 1-5, 50:26, Revelation 22:1-5).

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your _____, before the _____ days come and the years draw near of which you will say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’” (Ecclesiastes 12:1 ... Genesis 48:1-10 ... Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12:1-8)

The Blessing of God (Genesis 48:1-22)

Jacob understood that God’s blessing in his life was part of God’s covenant with _____ (Genesis 48:3-4 ... Genesis 28:1-22, 35:1-4).

Jacob understood that God’s covenant blessing was for anyone who shared Abraham’s _____ (Genesis 48:5-16 ... Romans 2:28-29, 4:16, 9:5-6, Revelation 7:9-10).

Jacob understood that God is free to extend _____ and _____ as he sees fit (Genesis 48:14, 48:17-20 ... Genesis 25:23, Romans 9:10-13).

Jacob understood that the _____ of God was the greatest blessing (Genesis 48:21 ... Psalm 73:23-28)

The Gospel

God’s grace _____ us and _____ us (Genesis 27:20, 48:1-22).

The Christian life is a life lived by _____ (Hebrews 11:21 ... Genesis 15:6).

The Lord Jesus is the _____ (Genesis 48:15-16, Psalm 23:1, 80:1-2, Isaiah 40:9-10, John 10:11-18, Hebrews 13:20-21).