

Genesis 48 Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Trusting in God's Promises. Genesis 48:3-4

Jacob declared, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, and He said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and numerous, and I will make you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your descendants after you for an everlasting possession'" (Gen. 48:3-4). Because God cannot lie (Titus 1:2, Heb. 6:18), His promises are trustworthy (2 Cor. 1:20). Therefore, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23). Read Romans 10:11

☐ Tuesday - Sons by Adoption. Genesis 48:5

Jacob said to Joseph, "Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine" (Gen. 48:5). From that point on, Joseph's two sons would be counted as sons of Jacob by *adoption*. And if you believe in Christ, then you are sons by adoption too – sons of God! For it says "In love He predestined us to *adoption* as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace" (Eph. 1:4-6). Read John 1:12-13

☐ Wednesday - The Church of the Firstborn. Genesis 48:13-14

In Hebrew culture, the birthright (also known as rights of the firstborn) included a double portion of the inheritance, and being dedicated and set apart to God. Under the New Covenant, the people of God are called the "church of the *firstborn*" (Heb. 12:22-24). As such we are set apart for God, and coheirs with Christ.
Read Psalm 4:3, Romans 8:17

☐ Thursday - The Right Hand of God. Genesis 48:13-14

Jacob placed his right hand on Ephraim and pronounced his blessing upon him (Gen. 48:14-16). In the Bible, the right hand of God is a metaphor for: (1) God's POWER: "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in *power*, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy" (Ex. 15:6); (2) God's AUTHORITY: "Christ, is seated at [God's] right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come." (3) God's HELP: "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. ... surely I will *help* you, surely I will *uphold* you with My righteous right hand" (Isa. 41:10). (4) God's FAVOR: "You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever" (Psa. 16:11).
Read Psalm 110:1, 1 Peter 3:22

☐ Friday - God's Favor Toward Our Children. Genesis 48:15-16

Jacob blessed Joseph by blessing his sons (Gen. 48:15-16). "No choicer favor could fall upon us than to see our children favored by the Lord" (Spurgeon). To this statement every true Christian parent shouts a hearty "Amen!" O Lord, we pray Your saving grace and sanctifying mercies upon our children today that they might truly be Yours. And if they are as a prodigal son or daughter please being them to Yourself and home to their family (Lk. 15:11-32). Read Proverbs 22:6