Genesis 48 - Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons

Outline

A. God's Promises Remembered v. 1-4

- Jacob recounts & remembers God's promise. v. 3-4
- Application Rom. 10:11
  Regularly recount & remember God's promises.

B. Joseph's Sons Adopted v. 5-7

- Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine. v. 5
- Application Eph. 1:4-6
  By adoption, believers are sons & daughters – of God!

C. Jacob's Blessings Pronounced v. 8-22

- Hebrew birthright (rights of the firstborn) v. 13-14
- Five times overturned: Genesis
  - Abel, not Cain chap. 4
  - Isaac, not Ishmael chap. 17
  - Jacob, not Esau chap. 27
  - Joseph, not Reuben chap. 37
  - Ephraim, not Manasseh chap. 48
- The "right hand" (of God)
  - Power Ex. 15:6
  - Authority Eph. 1:20-22
  - Help Isaiah 41:10
  - Favor Psa. 16:11
- Jacob blessed Jacob by blessing his sons. v. 15-16
- Application Heb. 12:23
  Believers are the church of the firstborn.

Notes