

Genesis 46:1-34

Moving From Home

Introduction:

Moving away from home to college, especially for young people is a very anxious experience. Young people meet new faces, new environments, new rules and dorms to live in. Nothing will be like home; so for the first month or so young people experience home sickness.

Think of Joseph. It must have been an overwhelming experience for he became a slave in Egypt and later he was falsely accused and sent to prison. But through all these troubles and trials the Lord was with Joseph granting him the gift of interpreting dreams and wisdom.

Think about Jesus. He left home where He enjoyed perfect fellowship with His Father and the Holy Spirit. He spoke often that He was from above and when He came to His own people they did not receive Him. But some did receive and believe on Him. John 1:12

I. Jacob's Descent to Egypt

A. A Messianic promise – Hosea 11:1; Matt. 2:14,15

1. Salvation came through suffering
2. Liberty came through service
3. Life came through death

B. The Significance of Beersheba

1. Jacob's faith based upon Divine warrant – v.1; Heb. 11:9
2. A sacred history – Judg. 20:1
3. Beersheba became the home of Abraham after his great trial of faith which was to sacrifice his son Isaac – (Gen. 22:19; 27:30; 28:10)
4. Jacob's sacrifice of gratitude for the Lord's care.
5. Jacob's sacrifice of thanksgiving – Psa. 51:17; 107:22

C. The Sacrifice of Christ

1. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed the sacrificial death of Christ but were inadequate in and of themselves – Heb. 9:12
2. Only one sufficient offering once and for all – Heb. 10:10

D. Jacob's Fears and God's promises: – v.3

1. I am the covenant keeping God – Deut. 7:9; 10:17
2. A great nation – v.3b; Gen. 18:18; 21:18
3. God's continued presence – v.4; Heb. 13:5 (Gen. 31;; 48:21)

II. Going Back Home

A. The great Exodus after 430 years

1. The great lesson: God is not in a hurry
2. The Savior would crush the head of Satan – Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4

B. Eternal inheritance

1. God's people will inherit the land forever – Exodus 32:14
2. Youth will die at 100 years (a poetic metaphor expression) Isaiah 65:20; (Isa. 65:17-25; 66:22; II Pet. 3:10; Rev. 21:1; Psa. 37:9,11; Matt. 5:5)

C. Eternal Life:

1. "Joseph will close your eyes" (Gen. 37:35)
2. Dying with the peace of Christ – Phil. 4:7; Gen. 15:15

D. Christian Peace:

1. Jesus greeting His disciples – John 20:19
2. Paul's inspired epistles of peace in his salutations – (Rom. 1:7; I Pet. 1:2; II Pet. 1:2; II John 1:14; Jude 1:2)
3. When Christians depart from one another – I Thess. 5:23
4. Benedictions were often given with peace – Rom. 16:20; II Thess. 3:16; Heb. 13:20

E. Joseph's wise care of his family:

1. This was originally suggested by Pharaoh – 45:16-20

Application:

1. Secular leadership can benefit the church

2. The church should honor the state when the state blesses the church v.31; Acts 5:27-29

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