**Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA)** Rev. Mark J. Henninger AN OUTLINE FOR TONIGHT'S SERMON 31 August 2008—PM **GOD'S SOVEREIGN BLESSING** Genesis 48:12-22 I. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God's Sovereign Blessina A. It is as \_\_\_\_\_ as the Decree of The Most High . . . , (Rom. 11:29) B. ... Yet it must be \_\_\_\_\_ to His Means, (Acts 14:22b) II. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God's Sovereign Blessing, vv. 12-22 A. It does not always \_\_\_\_\_\_ with our Assumptions, vv. 12-14 B. It is often given in a \_\_\_\_\_ Context, vv. 15-16 C. It sometimes goes \_\_\_\_\_\_ to our (initial) Wishes, vv. 17-20 D. It always \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Inconceivable, vv. 21-22 III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Sovereign Blessing A. It is Received in Humble \_\_\_\_\_, (Gen. 15:6) B. It is Expressed in Loving \_\_\_\_\_, (Eph. 4:11-12) Key Verse-v. 20: "So [Jacob] blessed them that day, saying, 'By you Israel will bless, saying, "May God make you as Ephraim and as Manas-

seh!" ' And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh."

Aim: To strive to realize fullness in Christ, so as to glorify God