

## **MY HERITAGE IS BEAUTIFUL TO ME**

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Genesis 47:28-48:22

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### **INTRODUCTION: HERITAGE**

I was blessed to have a very close relationship with my grandmother.

#### **Heritage**

The values, qualities, treasures, stories, and attributes of those who came before, to be passed on to others.

#### **Psalm 16:5, 6**

The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

You support my lot.

The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

**Proposition:** God grants His people a spiritual heritage so that they will stand on the past and trust God for the future.

In this passage we see three qualities of a spiritual heritage.

### **I. REMEMBERING WHAT GOD HAS DONE**

One of my gravest concerns in 21<sup>st</sup> century America is our tendency toward deconstruction.

#### **Deconstruction**

Analyzing something to reveal its inadequacy

? What is the foundation of our spiritual heritage?

#### **A. GOD HAS MADE PROMISES, V. 4**

1. I Will Multiply You

2. I Will Give You This Land Forever

**Point:** Our past is where we first met God.

## B. GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME, V. 11

1. I Didn't Have A Prayer Of Seeing You Again

2. Now I Get To See Your Children.

### **Psalm 27:13**

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.

**Point:** Our past reveals the goodness of the LORD.

## C. GOD CALLED US TO OBEDIENCE, V. 15

Genesis 17:1

**Point:** Our past reminds us of our high and holy calling.

## D. GOD HAS "PASTURED" ME, V. 15

### **Psalm 37:25**

I have been young and now I am old,  
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken  
Or his descendants begging bread.

**Point:** The past shows God's constant care.

## E. THE ANGEL REDEEMED ME, V. 16

**Point:** Our God is a God who saves to the uttermost.

## **II. TRUSTING GOD FOR FUTURE WORK**

### A. "BLESS THESE BOYS," V. 16

#### **Blessing**

the granting of power to accomplish a task or purpose

B. LET THEM CARRY ON THE NAME, V. 16

C. LET THEM GROW TO A GREAT MULTITUDE, V. 16

D. GOD WILL BE WITH YOU, V. 21

### **III. UNDERSTANDING HOW GOD WORKS**

A. GOD DOESN'T ALWAYS FOLLOW YOUR PROTOCOL

#### **Hebrews 11:21**

By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

? Are you missing out on what God is doing because you are looking for His blessing in one place while He is busy working in another?

B. BLESSING IS ALWAYS PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL

1. There Really Is A Promised Land, With a Mountain Slope For Joseph.
2. They Will Really Be A Nation.
3. Ephraim Really Had The Greater Blessing.
4. The Physical Always Points To The Spiritual

Hebrews 11:13-16

**CONCLUSION:** LOVE YOUR HERITAGE, LEAVE A LEGACY

### **APPLICATION**

1. Honor your spiritual heritage.

**Galatians 3:7b**

...it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

## 2. Leave a Legacy

? How do I leave a spiritual legacy?

Philippians 2:22; 2 Timothy 2:1, 2