



JOSEPH
FROM THE PIT
TO THE PINNACLE





Granary Burying Ground in Boston, MA



Grave Marker of Dwight L. Moody



Grave Marker of Astronaut Christ McAuliffe



A Dying Man's Perspective

Genesis 48

When viewed from the
graveyard many things in life
have little value. When viewed
from the graveyard many things
in life have greater value.



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Genesis 48

“And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The Days of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil the days of the years of my life have been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.”

Genesis 47:9



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Genesis 48

#1 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK BACK ON OUR PAST

A. Jacob remembered a personal encounter with God

“And I will establish a covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.”

Genesis 17:7

#1 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK BACK ON OUR PAST

A. Jacob remembered a personal encounter with God

B. Jacob remembered a special person in his life

Jacob's Terrible Family Tree

1. Rachel was Jacob's wife by choice
2. Leah was Jacob's wife by chance
3. Bilhah and Zilpah were Jacob's wife by competition

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#2 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK UP AT GOD'S PROVIDENCE

A. Do you remember God's provision in your life?

**“But my God shall supply all
your need according to his
riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”**

Philippians 4:19

#2 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK UP AT GOD'S PROVIDENCE

A. Do you remember God's provision in your life?

B. Do you remember God's power at work in your life?

**“And on told Jacob ... and
Israel strengthened
himself.”**

Genesis 48:2

“And He said, ‘Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel.’”

Genesis 32:28

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#3 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK AROUND AT OUR PRESENT

A. Only by God's grace can you experience the blessings of life today

**Only by His grace
I have found this holy place
Underneath His wings of love
Trusting in my God above
Grace for every need
Grace that overflows and far exceeds
Lavished on my soul at Calvary,
Only by His grace**

#3 FROM DEATH'S PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD LOOK AROUND AT OUR PRESENT

- A. Only by God's grace can you experience the blessings of life today**
- B. Only by God's grace can you be used to bless others today**



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“By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.”

Hebrews 11:21



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