

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Jacob and his sons long for the final completion of God's covenant so they can be together forever.

Sermon Point: *Long for home.*

Move 1: Mourn when you lose your Christian brethren for a season.

50:1, 3-4, 10-11. Much public expression. Formal ceremonies with all involved (3-4, 8-9). Notice the Canaanites noted the level of mourning reflected in name: vs. 11. The Bible gives the Church a theology of grieving. Jn. 11:35, 38; Acts 8:2.

Move 2: Mourn for your brethren like Christians.

49:29-32; 50:12-13. Repetition on gravesite because of who's in it and why: resurrection. Abe mourned/wepted for Sarah, bought this grave (Gen. 23:2ff). 49:33: "was gathered to his people" (See also 25:8; 35:29). A long time before buried: 50: 2-4, 7-9, 10, 12-13. Gathered w/ fathers' *spirits* in *Heaven*. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. Psalm 116:15.

Conclusion:

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