

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Text: Genesis 46:28 – 47:31

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: The Lord Fulfills His Promises

In our passage we read of Jacob seeing Joseph, the family settling in Goshen and being provided for in the famine, the nations being saved from the famine, and Jacobs future hope. Those first 3, are beautiful pictures of the Lord fulfilling His promises, albeit in a partial, seeing through a mirror dimly kind of way. Ultimately these promises will find their greater fulfillment in Christ (2 Cor 1:20.) The Christological connections are pertinent, as they teach us not only how the Lord will fulfill and provide his greater promise of salvation, but also, how those saving benefits become accessible to us today. With Jacob's future hope, we are pressed to see that there remains yet a future permanent residence for the people of God. God has proven himself trustworthy as his track record speaks for itself, thus the hope of Jacob, and the hope of every Christian is not fickle, but sure and certain. The effect of being reminded that the Lord fulfills his promises should engender faith, trust, hope, joy, and bold proclamation as stewards of the gospel seed of grace to spread to the nations.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro: When was the last time you had to break a promise? (you may not have said the words, "I promise," but nonetheless said that you would do something, and you didn't do it).

What is the difference between us making a promise, and God making a promise?

For each scene, or group of verses, ask the following questions, using the cross references if/as needed:

1. How is this a fulfillment of a promise?
2. How does this point forward to a greater fulfillment in Christ?
3. How does the blessing of this fulfilled promise become accessible for you?
4. What key takeaways do these verses prompt in your own heart?

Genesis 46:28-30.

- a. Cross reference: Gen 46:1-4; Gen 12:1-3; Luke 2:25-32

Genesis 46:31 - 47:12

- b. Cross reference: Gen 46:1-4; Genesis 12:1-3; 35:11-12
- c. with "abomination" consider Luke 18:9-14 and Heb 2:11
- d. Jesus as the bread of life: John 6:47-51

Genesis 47:13-27

- e. Cross reference Gen 12:1-3; Gen 1:28; 35:11-12
- f. Mark 8:34-35; Matthew 28:18-20

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- g. Cross Reference Gen 46:1-4; Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16