



“Fruitfulness”

The Fruit Loop
Genesis 49:22-27

God supplies :

I. Health - “Joseph is a fruitful bough” (vs. 22-23)

So that we can:

A. Perdure - “ a fruitful bough ”

To continue or last permanently

Persecution - “sorely grieved him”

B. Provide - “by a well”

Peril - “shot at him”

C. Produce - “branches run over”

Pain - “hated him”

II. Help - “the God of thy father, who shall help thee” (vs. 24-26)

So that we have:

A. Stability - “the shepherd, the stone of Israel”

B. Strength - “by the Almighty, who shall bless thee”

C. Sufficiency - “blessings of thy father have prevailed above”

III. Harvest - “Benjamin shall ravin” (v. 27)

So that we enjoy:

A. Catching - “shall ravin as a wolf ”

B. Consuming - “In the morning he shall devour the prey”

C. Contributing - “at night he shall divide the spoil”

Sentence Sermon:

“Our fruit is the direct result of our abiding.”

Additional Verses

- John 15:1-5, 8; 13:34-35
- Titus 3:14
- Ephesians 2:10
- Matthew 5:16
- Galatians 5:22
- Psalm 1:1-4
- John 4:14
- II Timothy 3:12
- Psalm 92:12-14
- Proverbs 11:24-25
- Malachi 3:10
- Luke 6:38
- Psalm 34:19
- II Corinthians 2:14
- I Peter 1:6-7
- Jeremiah 12:5

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. Why did Jacob describe Joseph as a vine?
4. Who were the archers that shot at Joseph? That shot at you?
5. How many reasons in the text can you find for Joseph’s success?
6. What is your favorite description of God in this passage? Why?
7. How do explain the contradiction in Jacob’s views in v.26 with 47:9?
8. Why did Jacob speak concerning Benjamin last?
9. Which tribe do you most naturally relate to? Least relate?
10. What are some ways that God has helped you be fruitful in your life?