

Jacob Blesses Ephraim and Manasseh
Genesis 48:1-22

Main Point:

With faith and humility, take steps to see that the next generation inherits the promises of God.

1. God's promises extend beyond your lifetime.
2. You should want the next generation to inherit these promises.
3. You should especially take steps to see that they inherit the promises.
4. They will inherit the promises, if the Lord wills.

Genesis 35:6, 9, 11-12⁶ So Jacob came to Luz (that *is*, Bethel), which *is* in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who *were* with him ...⁹ Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him ...¹¹ Also God said to him: "I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.¹² "The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land." (NKJV)

J.G. Vos "This was the true patriarchal faith in the promise of God. Jacob died in a firm faith that the divine promise concerning inheritance of the land of Canaan could not fail to be fulfilled."

1 Chronicles 5:1-2¹ Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel-- he *was* indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright;² yet Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him *came* a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph's-- (NKJV)

Matthew 19:14¹⁴ ... "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (NKJV)

Hebrews 11:21²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff. (NKJV)

Exodus 15:6⁶ "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. (NKJV)

R. Kent Hughes "Joseph was appalled. His father had transgressed every tradition from the Nile to the Euphrates."

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