



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 49:29 – 50:14 (NAS)

Topic: "Hope Beyond Our Grief"

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29 Then he charged them and said to them, "I am about to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
30 in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a burial site.
31 "There they buried Abraham and his wife Sarah, there they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah--
32 the field and the cave that is in it, purchased from the sons of Heth."
33 When Jacob finished charging his sons, he drew his feet into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

1 Then Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him and kissed him.
2 Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.
3 Now forty days were required for it, for such is the period required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.
4 When the days of mourning for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak to Pharaoh, saying,
5 'My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am about to die; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father; then I will return."
6 Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."
7 So Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household and all the elders of the land of Egypt,
8 and all the household of Joseph and his brothers and his father's household; they left only their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen.
9 There also went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company.
10 When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed seven days mourning for his father.
11 Now when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning for the Egyptians." Therefore it was named Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.
12 Thus his sons did for him as he had charged them;
13 for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field for a burial site from Ephron the Hittite.
14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

I. JACOB'S DEATH ACCOMPANIED BY:

- A. Grief
- B. Hope

II. IT IS PROPER TO GRIEVE THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

- A. Joseph Did
- B. His Brothers Did
- C. Jesus Set His Example As Well

III. REASONS FOR GRIEF

- A. We Grieve Because Death Is Our Enemy
- B. It Is God's Curse Upon Sin
- C. It Is Not Grief For the Deceased Believer *Revelation 21:1-4*
- D. It Is Caused By Separation

IV. STAGES OF GRIEF

- A. First Stage: Shock, Numbness, I Can't Believe It *Thessalonians 4:13*
- B. Second Stage: The Funeral For The Living To Gain Closure
- C. Third Stage: Things Retuning To A New Normal With The Loved One Absent

V. FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES

- A. Jacob Exercised Faith In His Place Of Burial
- B. His Sons Acknowledged It In Carrying Out His Request
- C. We Can Be Confident Of Our Resurrection *1 Corinthians 15*
- D. We Can Be Confident Of Our Reunion With Believers *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
- E. We Can Give That Good News To Others