



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 49:22-28 (NAS)

Topic: "A Father Extending His Blessing to His Children"

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- 22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a spring; Its branches run over a wall.
23 "The archers bitterly attacked him, And shot at him and harassed him;
24 But his bow remained firm, And his arms were agile, From the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),
25 From the God of your father who helps you, And by the Almighty who blesses you With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
26 "The blessings of your father Have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors Up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; May they be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.
27 "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; In the morning he devours the prey, And in the evening he divides the spoil."
28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them. He blessed them, every one with the blessing appropriate to him.

III. OBSERVE YOUR CHILDREN

- A. Jacob Used Character Qualities Of Animals For His Sons
- B. Jacob Knew Their Personalities
- C. Jacob Observed Their Strength
- D. He Gave Words Of Blessing

I. JACOB'S BLESSING OF HIS SONS

A. Joseph

- 1. Metaphor of a vine
- 2. Metaphor of an archer
- 3. How these two produced fruitfulness *James 1:2-4*
- 4. His strength was in God's help *Genesis 45:5-9; Genesis 50:20*
- 5. Joseph's fruitfulness *John 15:5*
- 6. The source of his strength "dependence on God"

B. Benjamin - Tenacious

II. WE NEED TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN

- A. The Source Of Our Fruitfulness
- B. What Can Be Learned Through Trials
- C. About Our Own Walk With The Lord
- D. Ask Forgiveness Often