

Sermon outline:

Genesis 48:1-22 "Leaving a Legacy" Memorial Day sermon

In the midst of this final time of blessing from Jacob, there are three lessons for us to learn. Three lessons on leaving a legacy.

1. If you want to leave a lasting legacy, never make this w_____ your h_____.
48:1-13

- a. Jacob knew he was an a_____ looking for a better country, a heavenly country, where God had prepared a city for him. Jacob's faith in that promise of a heavenly country given to him from God, faith in that promise is a part of his l_____.
- b. The Bible tells us that those who live in God's promises for the future, when we f_____ God, there will be times when we are aliens and strangers in this world. There will be times because of our c_____ to Jesus Christ, that we'll be the s_____. We live for Jesus, we stand up for Jesus, and as we do this, it puts us at o_____ with the world.

2. If you want to leave a lasting legacy, remember God's c_____ f_____ to you.
48:14-16

- a. In this act of worship, Jacob talks about the past, he reviews his own history, & he does this to h_____ his God. Remembering the p_____ helped Jacob remember God's faithfulness.
- b. Remember God's constant faithfulness to you, and give God l_____ and h_____ for that faithfulness. We need to find ways to r_____ the faithfulness of God.

3. The greatest blessing we can leave our children is our c_____ h_____ in God's promises. 48:16

- a. The blessing Jacob gave, and the blessing we want to give, is a God-given i_____. Jacob is passing on God's promises that were g_____ to him, he's passing those promises on to the next generation.
- b. They would have to have faith in God and f_____ God and t_____ that God would bring these promises to fruition, the same way Jacob did. These are blessings you have to b_____ in order to p_____.