

# J A C O B

Be patient - God hasn't finished with me yet

## 15. The Fruit of Faith

Genesis 46:1-7, 29-34; 47:7-12

- Jacob has trusted God through great hardship – is it worth it?
- 1. You will find God's care in unknown situations – Gen 46:1-7**
- Lots of unknowns in life – how will we cope?
  - Jacob heads for Egypt – leaving Promised Land – will God go with him?
  - Stops to worship at edge of Promised Land
  - God appears and shows his care for his followers
- a) It is personal care**
- Addresses Jacob by name, cares about details of his circumstances
  - God is not just a God of the big things, but he cares for each of his people
- b) It is faithful care**
- God restates all his promises
  - Jacob may have wandered far over the years, but God is still faithful
- c) It is promise-laden care**
- Four promises – descendants, presence, return, meeting Joseph
  - Promises his presence – no matter where we go God is with his people
- 2. You will see God's purpose in hard situations – Gen 46:29-34**
- a) Purpose**
- When Joseph disappeared, Jacob could only see a narrow piece of reality. Now he sees much more.
  - Keep trusting and you will see God's purpose worked out in total
- b) Provision**
- Through the hard circumstances God was going to provide for Jacob and family in a much greater way.
  - God will always provide as we keep trusting him
- c) Proof**
- The Cross is the ultimate proof that God will bring good
  - At the Cross Jesus purchased all the joyful endings to all our sorrows
  - We need to keep clinging to Christ in faith
- 3. You will bring God's blessing to others – Gen 47:7-12**
- Jacob blesses Pharaoh not the other way round!
  - God blesses his people in order for them to be a blessing
  - We live in a famine of hope – when we trust the great king, we display hope
- This life is a pilgrimage v 9 – we may not see it all now, but one day we will, if we hold firm our faith to the end.



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S E R V I N G J E S U S C H R I S T T H E K I N G

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Sabbath 14th December 08

Welcome to our service this morning - today we are remembering Christ's death for sinners as we take part in the Lord's Supper.

If you are a Christian and haven't joined with us for the Lord's Supper before, and haven't yet spoken to the elders about your faith in Jesus Christ, we'd invite you to watch, and come and speak to Mark before our next communion in March.

If you aren't a Christian, or not sure, we'd invite you to watch as well, and if you have any questions, speak to Mark or one of the elders afterwards.

### Notices

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| Sab 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Evening meeting @ Mark & Judith's  | 8pm |
| Tue                     | Bible Study on 9th Commandment @ Stewart & Jean's  | 8pm |
| Sab 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Thanksgiving collection - One way of saying thank-you to God for all his kindness in the past year.                            |     |
|                         | Mark will be swapping with Rev Peter Jemphrey. If you would like to invite the Jemphrey family for lunch, please speak to Mark |     |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan | Go Rally - Launch for the Summer Mission Teams<br>Limavady - Speaker Derek Petrie  | 8pm |

Please speak to Caroline if you would like to receive either the Messenger or Covenanter Witness magazines

### Denomination News

Rev Robert Robb has accepted the call to be the minister in Enniskillen.

A mission team is being planned for Nantes (France) from 4th-11 or 13th April. Anyone interested contact Rev Robert Robb 048 7772 2136 or [revrobb@hotmail.com](mailto:revrobb@hotmail.com)  
Knowledge of French is not essential, but preference may be given to those who have some working knowledge of the language. Travel expenses will be paid by the Mission Committee.

Sabbath 21st - The Blessing of Jacob - Genesis 48

Opening Psalm: 89:30-35

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