

FROM FATHER TO CHILDREN

(Genesis 49:28 – 50:1)

“Heritage” - may imply something passed on to children; something inherited; legacy.
What did Jacob pass on to Joseph?

1. THE ABILITY TO FORGIVE BRETHREN

Joseph’s brothers “hated him and could not speak peaceable to him” (Genesis 37:4)

Joseph was envied, mistreated, cast into a pit, sold, lied about to his father.
While in Egypt: falsely accused, cast into prison, forgotten.

(Genesis 50:19-20) “Joseph said to them, Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”

(Ephesians 4:32) “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

2. AN EXAMPLE OF FAITH

(Genesis 48:21) “Then Israel (“Jacob”) said to Joseph, Behold I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.”

A faithful example may be given to generations: (2 Timothy 1:5) “When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also”

Jesus leaves us a “heritage” - (1 Peter 2:21) “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.”

3. KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

(Genesis 50:23) “Joseph saw Ephraim’s children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph’s knees”

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9) “And these words shall which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children ... “

(Ephesians 6:4) “Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

4. PRECIOUS MEMORIES

(Genesis 25:5) “And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.”
Isaac to Jacob, and Jacob to Joseph, and Joseph to his children.