

Introduction

In the days before cell phones I would go to AAA and get a map of every city that I was going to be traveling to. I also kept regional maps and state maps in my truck. Before I went anywhere in that city I would locate the place and map out how I was going to get there. What I really liked about the way that I used to do it was I got the big picture and general layout of an area. Today, with Google Maps I just type in an address and follow directions. I find that I don't always have a good sense of the big picture and where I am. Most of the time Google Maps gets me there, but I don't learn as much about the area and where I am.

We are in the final four chapters of Genesis, chapters 47-50. I have titled these last four chapters, Israel's Final Days. Last week, we covered Genesis 47. Joseph took his family to meet Pharaoh. Israel blessed Pharaoh when he greeted him and when he left. During the next seventeen years, Israel prospered in the land of Goshen, which is in the Nile Delta. They had water from the Nile River and they prospered and acquired land. Meanwhile, the rest of Egypt used up all their money to buy food. Then, they sold all their livestock to buy food. Finally, they sold their land and themselves to buy food. It was the tale of two cities.

Next week, we will be in Part 3 of Israel's Final Days. Israel gathers his other sons and he blesses each of them. Then, he charges them with burying him at the cave of Machpelah, the land that Abraham bought from Ephron.

On June 23, Pastor Jim Elliff will be sharing with our congregation. He is an excellent preacher. Jim was one of several men that really poured into my life. He put me through the same preaching class that he had at seminary, using the same books. He also taught me different study methods. He will be doing a Bible Intensive with the men on Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22. The ladies and young women will be having a Tea over at Anna's house on Saturday, June 22.

Then, on June 30, I plan on wrapping up the book of Genesis. We will cover Part 4 of Israel's Final Days. After he dies, they embalm him, which took forty days, and they mourned for him for seventy days. Then, Joseph and his brothers took him back to the land of Canaan and buried him at the Cave of Machpelah. Genesis ends with the death and burial of Joseph in the land of Egypt.

This week we are in Part 2 of Israel's Final Days. Israel gets sick and Joseph brings his two sons to visit him. Israel blesses his two sons and counts them among his own sons. He does this so that he can give each of them a part of his inheritance. Therefore, Joseph receives an extra share of the inheritance, just like the older son would get.

Israel's Final Days

1. Joseph Brings His Sons To Israel (Gen 48:1-7)
2. Israel Blesses Joseph's Sons (Gen 48:8-20)
3. Israel Gives Joseph An Extra Portion (Gen 48:21-22)

1. Joseph Brings His Sons To Israel (Gen 48:1-7)

(Gen 48:1-22) “Now it came about after these things that Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is sick." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him. {2} When it was told to Jacob, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you," Israel collected his strength and sat up in the bed. {3} Then Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, {4} and He said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and numerous, and I will make you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your descendants after you for an everlasting possession.' {5} "Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. {6} "But your offspring that have been born after them shall be yours; they shall be called by the names of their brothers in their inheritance. {7} "Now as for me, when I came from Paddan, Rachel died, to my sorrow, in the land of Canaan on the journey, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

Joseph was told that his father was sick. There is a common teaching today that sickness is a sign of lack of faith or of sin. I do not believe that Jacob was lacking faith and I do not believe that he was in sin. I think that those who teach 1 Peter 2:24 that we have been healed of all sickness and that is part of our atonement is a wrong understanding of the verse. It is a quote from Isaiah 53:5, which is addressing our sins. Jesus took our punishment, our stripes, on the cross for our sins. We have been saved and healed from our sins. They say that there is no sickness in heaven and that is correct. But, we are not in heaven yet; we are not on that side of the fence yet. While on this side of the fence, we have sickness.

(1 Pet 2:24) “and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

(Is 53:5-6) “But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. {6} All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.”

From my understanding of sickness there are various causes for sickness. We know that some people get sick as a result of sin. When Jesus healed some people, he told them to go and sin no more. (See John 5:1-14, where the man by the pool of Bethesda was healed.) But not all sickness is from sin.

Some sickness is demonic. When Jesus healed some people, he cast out demons and they were made well. (See Matthew 8:16.) But not all sickness is demonic.

Some sickness is from natural causes. I ate dinner with my friend, Paul, who I grew up with. He went to a funeral last week for a friend of his who died at the age of 57. He was about 200 pounds overweight. When we eat the wrong foods, the wrong quantity of foods, and do not get proper rest and exercise, we are inviting sickness and poor health. But not all sickness is natural.

Some sickness is from God's discipline. Paul wrote to the Corinthians and told them that some were sick and some had gone asleep because they had not judged themselves correctly. (See 1 Corinthians 11:30-31.) But not all sickness is discipline or judgment.

Some sickness is for the glory of God. (See John 11:4, where Jesus brought Lazarus back from the dead.) When Jesus healed a blind man, the Pharisees asked who sinned, this man or his parents, and He said, “Neither.” This was that the works of God might be displayed in him. (See John 9:1-3.)

There are other sicknesses unto death. (See 2 Kings 13:14 where Elisha had a sickness of which he was to die.) We live in earthly tents that are temporal. (See 2 Corinthians 5:1-4.) Our bodies wear out with age. God put a limit on the lifespan of men in Noah's day of 120 years. (See Genesis 6:3.) When Moses wrote Psalm 90:10, the average life span was between 70 and 80 years of age, and it is still in that range today. Jacob's eyesight was poor because of his age. That is natural, and it does not mean that he was in sin. Jacob's sickness is probably from old age. His parts are wearing out.

There are lots of examples of godly people in the New Testament who were full of faith but had sicknesses. When Paul preached to the Corinthians, he preached to them in sickness. (See 1 Corinthians 2:3, and the Greek word for weakness is *astheneia*, which means sickness, malady, disease, infirmity, or weakness.) Paul was an apostle and a great man of faith, and God used him to heal lots of people, yet he was sick. He also had poor eyesight and signed his letters with large letters in his own handwriting to show that they were his letters. (See Galatians 6:11, Colossians 4:18, and 2 Thessalonians 3:17.) Timothy was an apostle and a man of faith, yet he had frequent stomach ailments. (See 1 Timothy 5:23.) In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he left Trophimus sick at Miletus. (See 2 Timothy 4:20.) In Philippians 2:25-29, Paul sent Epaphroditus to them. Paul has excellent things to say about him. He is referred to as a brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, messenger, and minister. Yet, he had been sick to the point of death. There is no hint of some sin, or lack of faith in this man. He was a godly man who got sick for whatever reason.

Joseph heard that Jacob was sick and he took his two sons to visit his suffering father. I believe our response to those who are sick is very important. We should visit those who are sick and suffering. When we visit, it is to comfort and care for them, not to accuse or condemn them. We should pray for them. We are to have compassion on the sick. (Matthew 9:13) God tells us to pray for the sick and to heal the sick. (James 5:14-15, Matthew 10:8, Mark 16:18) I have prayed for the sick and seen some miraculous healings. I have also prayed for people and nothing has happened. If nothing else happens, pray a blessing over the sick person.

A few years ago a man in our church had stomach cancer, and the Lord told me to prepare his funeral message. When I went to visit him that week, he asked me to stand with him in prayer for his healing. He was holding on to a miraculous healing. I was in a tough spot, knowing what the Lord had told me to do, so I was very careful in my response. I prayed that God would comfort him. I prayed for God to give him grace. He died the next day after my visit. A couple years later there was another man in our church that had been diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon cancer. It had spread through his colon and all eighteen lymph nodes they took out were malignant. He did not have long to live, possibly three to six months. But, God told me to go pray for him, and He told me specifically what to pray. The next day I prayed for the man and I told Karen that they were not going to find any cancer in him. He went in for a Pet Scan and could not find a trace of cancer in his body. The Lord had healed him. I cannot tell you why some are healed and some are not. It is God that heals people. He uses us to heal them, but it is God who heals. Our response to those who are suffering is key. We must show love and compassion to those who are suffering.

When Jacob heard that Joseph was there, he was greatly encouraged. He gathered his strength and sat up in bed. Then, he recounted how God had appeared to him at Luz (Bethel) and blessed him. He told of how God promised to make him fruitful and numerous, and to give that land as an everlasting possession. He is sharing this promise with the next generation. He is handing off the baton to the next runner, so he can run the race. That promise, that land, was for Jacob's descendants. Then, Jacob says that his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, were his sons, just like Reuben and Simeon. Any offspring that Joseph has after that are his, but the first two were being counted as Jacob's sons. What did he mean by that? When a father died, he divided up his land among his sons and he gave his oldest son a double portion. Even though Joseph was not the oldest son, Jacob was giving him a double portion. He did this by counting Joseph's two sons as his own sons, giving each of them a portion of the inheritance. Joseph would get an inheritance and any sons after this would share in Joseph's inheritance, but these two would have a portion of Jacob's inheritance.

In verse seven, Jacob said, "now as for me..." He has been talking about Joseph's two sons and the inheritance that he is going to give them. But, he has some things on his heart that he wants to say to Joseph. People have a need to talk and tell their story. When we listen to them, it is called listening love. Jacob has some lingering sorrow from the death of Rachel that he wants to share with Joseph. Rachel was Joseph's mother so what he is going to share is something that both of them would have deep feelings about. Jacob's other sons, with the exception of Benjamin were born from Leah, Zilpah, and Bilhah. Joseph is the right person for him to share his burden and sorrow with. He tells Joseph that Rachel died to his sorrow in the land of Canaan on the journey. That journey was from Haran, where he had met Rachel, and worked for Laban for twenty years. She died on the journey before they got to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem, and he had buried her there.

2. Israel Blesses Joseph's Sons (Gen 48:8-20)

(Gen 48:8-20) "When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" {9} Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." {10} Now the eyes of Israel were *so* dim from age *that* he could not see. Then Joseph brought them close to him, and he kissed them and embraced them. {11} Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face, and behold, God has let me see your children as well." {12} Then Joseph took them from his knees, and bowed with his face to the ground. {13} Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him. {14} But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands, although Manasseh was the firstborn. {15} He blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, {16} The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; And may my name live on in them, And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." {17} When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. {18} Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn. Place your right hand on his head." {19} But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also will become a people and he also will be great. However, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations." {20} He blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce

blessing, saying, 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh!'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh."

While Jacob is telling his story, he notices Joseph's two sons and said, "Who are these?" His eyes are dim and he probably did not see them until then. He may have heard them talking in the background. He stops telling his story and turns his attention to blessing them. Joseph tells his father that these are his sons that God has given him. Joseph knew that children are a blessing from the Lord. He knew that children are a gift from the Lord. Jacob asked Joseph to bring them to him so that he could bless them. Jacob also knew that children are a gift from the Lord. His attitude reflects God's heart for children. God wants to bless our children. The world does not see the value in children.

A few weeks ago, Alabama state representative, John Rogers, made this comment. *"Some kids are unwanted, so you kill them now or kill them later," he said. "You bring them into the world unwanted, unloved, then you send them to the electric chair. So you kill them now or you kill them later."* He does not understand that these children are gifts from God. We should try to bless our children, not kill them. Israel's eyes were dim from age, not sin, and he could not see very well, so Joseph brought them close to him.

After Joseph brought them near, Israel kissed them and embraced them. Many children grow up without ever experiencing any affection from their father. Their father never told them that he loved them. Their father never embraced them and kissed them. Their father never spent much time with them. Statistically, fathers only spend 37 seconds a day of quality time with their children. I was very blessed to have a father that spent time with me. He was away from home a lot because of his work schedule, but when he was home, he took me out to the golf course and we played together. He also took me out to the rigs on occasion. Not every father can do that, but my father did, and he spent time with me. Joseph's boys had a father that loved them and a grandfather that loved them and showed his affection to them. Those boys probably remembered the embrace and kiss of their grandfather the rest of their lives.

Israel told Joseph that he never expected to see his face and behold, God let him see his children as well. Then, Joseph took them from his knees and bowed with his face to the ground. Joseph took his sons and positioned them in the way that they should have been blessed. He took Ephraim with his right hand and put it toward Israel's left hand. Ephraim was the youngest son so this is why Joseph put him in Israel's left hand. He took Manasseh with his left hand and put him toward Israel's right hand. The right hand is the sign of strength. When God tells us in Isaiah 41:10 that He will uphold us with His righteous right hand, He is telling us that He will strengthen and help us with all His power and might. The right hand was symbolic for the strongest force or strength. This is nothing against those of you who are left handed; this is just the significance of what Joseph did.

(Is 41:10) "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, the younger son. Then he blessed Joseph. How did he bless Joseph? He blessed Joseph by blessing his sons. When children are blessed, their parents are also blessed. John wrote that he had no greater joy than to see his children walking in truth. (3 John 4) Parents are blessed when their children walk in truth,

and are blessed in what they do. Israel said, “Bless the lads, and may my name live on in them, and the names of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac.” He was passing down the blessings of his fathers down to them. He was making sure that the promises given to him and his fathers went down to them. Parents, one of the ways that we can bless our children is by teaching them the promises of God so that they can receive their full inheritance. Israel told them that God has been His shepherd all the days of his life and had redeemed him from all evil. The best inheritance that we can give our children and grandchildren is the knowledge of who God is. Israel also prayed that they would grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

When Joseph saw that his father had switched his hands for the blessing, he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head and move it to Manasseh's head. Not only did he grasp his hand, but he said, “Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn. Place your right hand on his head.” But Israel refused and said, “I know my son, I know.” Israel knew what he was doing. He told Joseph that Manasseh will also become a people and will be great, but his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations. He finished his blessing by saying, “By you Israel will pronounce blessing, saying, ‘May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh!’” In his blessing he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

One last thought about his blessing. When Jacob was born, he was the younger twin. As the youngest, he bought the birthright from Esau. When it came time to get the Father's blessing, Rebekah and him deceived Isaac and he stole his father's blessing from Esau. As the youngest, he received the Father's blessing, and he is now giving his blessing to the youngest son of Joseph. I believe that it was God's will for Jacob to receive his father's blessing. I also believe that it was God's will for Ephraim to get the firstborn's blessing. It may not have been culturally correct, but I believe that Israel was hearing from and being led by the Lord.

3. **Israel Gives Joseph An Extra Portion** (Gen 48:21-22)

(Gen 48:21-22) “Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you, and bring you back to the land of your fathers. {22} “I give you one portion more than your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow.”

After blessing Joseph's two boys, Israel gets back to what is on his mind. Earlier in verse seven, Jacob said, “Now as for me...” He started to talk about Rachel dying and where he buried her. He was going somewhere with that conversation. He knows that it is his time to die and he wants to make sure that some things are spelled out. He said, “Behold, I am about to die, but will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.” First, he knows that his body is failing and he is having a hard time even sitting up in bed. He has a number of things on his mind. He wants to bless all of his sons, which will be covered next week in Genesis 49. He wants to talk about the inheritance that he is leaving for his sons. Part of the inheritance is spiritual and part of it is physical.

Most of the references in the Bible are to the physical inheritance that the sons of Israel received. We see the fulfillment of that in Joshua 18-19. However, when we get to the New Testament, it is clear that our inheritance is not a physical one. In 1 Peter 1:4, we read “to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.” This makes it clear that the inheritance is reserved in heaven, not here on earth. It is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away.

Paul writes a lot about the inheritance. In Ephesians 1:11, he tells us that we have obtained an inheritance. In Ephesians 1:14, he tells us that the Holy Spirit has been given to us as a pledge of our inheritance. In verse 18, he prays that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened so that we will know the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. God wants us to know how valuable our inheritance in heaven is.

(Eph 1:11) “also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,”

(Eph 1:14) “who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.”

(Eph 1:18) “*I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

Paul also wrote about how we gain that inheritance. When he was speaking with King Agrippa about his calling, he said that he was sent to preach the gospel so that people's eyes would be opened and they would turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Christ. When a person receives Christ and they become a part of the kingdom of God, they obtain an inheritance in heaven. In Ephesians 5:5, Paul wrote that we are to know with certainty that no immoral or impure person, or covetous man, who is an idolater has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. We are promised our inheritance when we confess Jesus as our Lord and receive His forgiveness for our sins.

(Acts 26:18) “to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”

(Eph 5:5) “For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”

In Ephesians 1:18, he prayed for them to know about the inheritance. In Acts 20:32, he commended us to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build us up, and give us an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. It is those who have been forgiven, sanctified, and transferred from the dominion of Satan to God that have an inheritance.

(Acts 20:32) “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

There is discussion about what exactly this inheritance in heaven is. Similar to the inheritance that the sons of Israel received, are there territories reserved for us in heaven? We know that there are different rewards in heaven. Many scholars believe that God is our inheritance. In 1 Kings 8:51-53, we find that God's people were God's inheritance. God separated the Jews from all the peoples of the earth as His inheritance. If we are His inheritance, it would make perfect sense that He is our inheritance. If God is our inheritance, then the kingdom of God is also our inheritance, because it belongs to God.

(1 Kings 8:51-53) “(for they are Your people and Your inheritance which You have brought forth from Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace), {52} that Your eyes may be open to the supplication of Your servant and to the supplication of Your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to You. {53} For You have separated them from all the peoples of the earth as Your inheritance, as You spoke through Moses Your servant, when You brought our fathers forth from Egypt, O Lord GOD.”

I think that David understood this. Even though he had an earthly, physical inheritance, he said in Psalm 16:5 that the Lord was the portion of his inheritance and his cup.

(Ps 16:5) “The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot.”

Jacob wanted to make sure that Joseph's sons and all his sons received the physical inheritance, the Promised Land. He said that God would be with Joseph and would bring him back to the land of his fathers. Then, he gave Joseph one portion more than his brothers. He said it was what he took from the hand of the Amorite with his sword and bow. Israel had fought and secured that inheritance. When Israel told Joseph that Manasseh and Ephraim were his sons, he claimed them so that he could give each of them a share of the inheritance.

(Gen 48:21-22) “Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you, and bring you back to the land of your fathers. {22} "I give you one portion more than your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

Conclusion & Applications

Our passage today was about Joseph bringing his sons to Jacob and how he blessed them and gave them an inheritance among his other sons. There were many lessons to be learned in our text. The first learning point was our attitude about sickness. We looked at many of the causes of sickness. I want us as a church to have the right perspective on sickness. There are many causes and because someone is sick it does not mean they sinned, or lacked faith, or have a demon. Israel was sick unto death. Our bodies are temporal and wear out. His eyesight was bad because of old age. When people are sick, we should have compassion on them. We should visit them. In Matthew 25, Jesus separates the sheep from the goats. One of the seven things that He looked at was whether they visited the sick. The righteous had visited those who were sick, and the unrighteous had no concern for the sick and had not visited them. God wants us to pray for the sick, to heal the sick, to care for the sick, and to visit them. When Joseph heard that his father was sick, he took his two sons and visited his father.

Another learning point was the affection that Israel showed his sons. He embraced and kissed his two grandsons. Not only did he give them love and affection, he put his hands on them and blessed them. Solomon said in Proverbs 27:5 that open rebuke is better than love that is concealed, and open rebuke is not a good thing. We need to give affection to our children. He gave them an inheritance. Next Sunday is Father's Day, but let me speak to the fathers for a minute. Do you show affection to your children? Do you show affection to your grandchildren? Do you embrace and kiss them? Do you tell them that you love them? Do you spend time with them? Do you lay hands on them and bless them?

Another learning point is the inheritance. Israel gave his sons and inheritance. A physical inheritance is nice, but a spiritual inheritance is imperishable, undefiled, and can be reserved in heaven for them. Have you shared Jesus with your children and grandchildren? Do you pray for

your grandchildren? Have you shared your testimonies with them? Do they know that God has kept you and protected you all of your days? Do they know how He has blessed you and made promises to you? Do they know how He has shepherded you all your days? God wants us to pass down a spiritual inheritance to our children and grandchildren. In Acts 2, Peter said that this promise was for our children and for all who are far off.

(Acts 2:38-39) “Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. {39} For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”

Introduction Part 2 – Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons

1. **Joseph Brings His Sons To Israel** (Gen 48:1-7, 1 Pet 2:24, Is 53, John 5:1-14, Matt 8:16, 1 Cor 11:30-31, John 9:1-3, 2 Kings 13:14, 2 Cor 5:1-4, Gen 6:3, Ps 90:10, Phil 2:25-29, Matt 25, Matt 10:8, Mark 16:18)
2. **Israel Blesses Joseph's Sons** (Gen 48:8-20, Is 41:10, 3 John 4)
3. **Israel Gives Joseph An Extra Portion** (Gen 48:21-22, Josh 18-19, 1 Pet 1:4, Eph 1:11, 1:14, 1:18, Acts 26:18, Eph 5:5, Acts 20:32, 1 Kings 8:51-53, Ps 16:5)

Conclusion & Applications (Acts 2:38-39, Pr 27:5)