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THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 49, Message 53

As we have seen in our last message from Genesis 49, the aged patriarch Jacob is on his death bed. He is uttering his \_\_\_\_\_ words. His sons are gathered around and listening as he prophesies their family blessing. Jacob has observed his boys for many years and bases their individual future destinies upon the traits they have exhibited throughout life. Their lives are brought up for review as rebukes and \_\_\_\_\_ are dispensed. The scene we are witnessing is none other than the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of Jacob. From a historic standpoint it concerns his sons and their immediate life. From a doctrinal perspective it is a prophetic dissertation concerning the entire history of the nation of Israel from the birth of Christ through the second coming and millennial reign. But the applications do not end there as it also prefigures a scene which \_\_\_\_\_ born again believers will one day attend – the judgment seat of Christ.

**REVIEW - THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF JACOB – PART ONE**

1. *The invitation* – Genesis 49:1-2

- *The judgment concerns the last days*
- *All are invited to the judgment seat*

2. *The rebukes and rewards* – Genesis 49:3-27

- *Reuben – verses 3-4*
  - *The greatest strength becomes the greatest weakness when not properly directed*
- *Simeon and Levi – verses 5-7*
  - *Unbridled wrath and vengeance will bring loss instead of gain*
- *Judah – verses 8-12*
  - *Admitting wrong and accepting personal responsibility for sin makes one blameless*
- *Zebulun – verse 13*
  - *Genuine humility brings honor and riches that far surpass all the achievements of the proud*

**TODAY'S MESSAGE - THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF JACOB – PART TWO**

- *Issachar – verses 14-15*
  - *Faithfulness and \_\_\_\_\_ make one wise and prudent*
- *Dan – verses 16-18*
  - *Great strength mixed with pride is \_\_\_\_\_*

- Gad – verse 19
  - Constant attacks can be \_\_\_\_\_ and victory won
  
- Asher – verse 20
  - All the little subtle acts of \_\_\_\_\_ add up toward blessing and reward
  
- Naphtali – verse 21
  - A godly daily \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are commendable before God
  
- Joseph – verses 22-26
  - Christ-\_\_\_\_\_ will open a floodgate of blessing and supernatural protection
  
- Benjamin – verse 27
  - Strong \_\_\_\_\_ will prevail day and night

3. The last will and testament – Genesis 49:28-33

- He was looking forward to the day of his resurrection