



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 49	Title:	"Appropriate Blessing"
Author:	Ps Jadene Ng		
Summary of Chapter:	At his deathbed, Jacob pronounced his blessings on all his sons. What was unexpected was that the greatest blessing and the promise of the Messiah went to his fourth son instead of the first. Each blessing and final message were given appropriately to them, according to what they really deserved and their true role in the future nation of Israel.		
Key Verses	How does it speak to me?		
<i>28 These are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said as he told his sons good-bye. He blessed each one with an appropriate message.</i>	<p>God has an interesting way of rewarding and blessing. He does not do so according to rank or appearance or all the superficial way than we humans tend to do so. He looks deep into our hearts and our true nature. He sees the real potential in us and His plans are set according to His eternal purposes. I'm reminded that I should set my heart on true value and not the things that this world value – looks, talents, abilities, possessions, wealth, fame, power. I have found that when I did, and sometimes still do, I would become greatly dissatisfied and extremely insecure. If, however, I trust that God blesses me appropriately, according to His divine wisdom and plan and purposes, then I treasure every blessing, satisfied and secure that He knows me better than I know myself. To receive whatever reward He deems is my lot. To hear Him say whatever message that would be my true calling. That is the ultimate blessing. Once, after a road trip with my family, I asked my father what presents would we get for Christmas. He said, The trip was your Christmas present. I didn't realise at that time, that the trip itself was a blessing because of the time spent with him and the family.</p> <p>So, if God does ask me, What do you want? What do you think your reward should be? May my answer to Him be, You decide, Lord. You know best.</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	"Where He leads I will follow; what He gives I will swallow." Is this saying difficult for you to swallow? Share what it is that you find difficult, with someone in your family or a friend.		
Youth:	Reflect on a desire or an ambition that you have. Is it a God-honouring one or is it a self-promoting one? Pray for God to show you His plans for your life.		
Child:	Have you received any gift which you didn't like? What was your response? How do you think you can respond better? Let's read more on finding contentment in Christ:		
P R A Y E R :			
Praying Scripture:	Dear Lord, You know each of us better than we know ourselves. Forgive us for the times we think we know better. Help us to align our values, plans and desires to Yours. Help us to rest in the knowledge that You will give the appropriate blessings to us, whenever we need them. In Jesus' name I/we pray, Amen.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for family and friends! Each one is so precious!		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for those suffering from depression having to stay at home or are confined at home or in the hospital. May they turn to You at this time and find true freedom in You.		

Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.
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