

d) How was Jacob able to overcome bitterness (vv.3 & 11)?

2. Read Hebrews 11:21.

a) In blessing Joseph's sons was Jacob acting in faith?

b) Why did Jacob give the greater blessing to Ephraim, Joseph's younger son (vv.12-20)?

c) What does this tell us about the way God blesses people and gives them salvation? (See Jn. 1:12-14 & Ro. 9:14-15)

3.a) How did Jacob describe God in v. 15?

b) What experience had Jacob had in shepherding?

c) How had God shepherded Jacob?

d) How does Christ shepherd his people? (See Jn 10:11, Heb 13:20-21 & 1Pe. 5:4)

4.a) What do we learn about Jacob's character from v.21?

b) How had God brought him to this position of firm hope?

c) What is the difference between faith and hope?

5. What else can we learn about God from this chapter?

For Further Thought And Action

Think about Christ as the Good Shepherd and thank him for his care and discipline in your life.

Memory Verse

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11