

Sermon notes

A Leader for God's Future People

Genesis 48:1-49:28

Intro: who on earth can we rely on to lead us back to the good times?

1. God freely chooses where blessing will come

Surprise 1: Adoption by God's free grace, not by birth or human choice

48:1-22

[cf. John 1:12-13; Romans 9:6-16]

Isn't this a bit unfair?

2. Because this family (like all of us) do not **deserve** blessing, but need saving!

Surprise 2: The first three 'blessings' are actually judgements

49:1-28

3. But God is determined to bless the nations through the king he has chosen

Surprise 3: The king will come from JUDAH!!!!

49:8-12

Conclusion: look to King Jesus, the Lion of Judah, for hope of a gracious blessing we don't deserve