



Genesis 46

1. Before we make any big moves/decisions we should go to God's sacred place and prayerfully seek His face w/thanksgiving (1; Col 4:2).
2. Confirming God's will requires counsel from God's Word (1-4).
3. God has been known to put His people in pagan settings as the means to make them - and His name, great (3-4).
4. Getting old or spending a lot of time in the same place doesn't mean that God doesn't want us to make major moves/changes in the present/future (5-27).
5. It's Judah (Jesus) that shows us the way to salvation (28).
6. Repentance makes us the forerunner to reconciling/restoring those relationships broken by our sin (28).
7. What makes a Christian parent ready to go home (die), is knowing their children are thriving (in the Lord) (29-30).
8. Righteous people do not burden or imposition others by their personal preferences or providential situation (32-34).

Genesis 47

1. God has been known to cause the highest people in society to honor the lowest people in society when they are God's people (1-6, 11).
2. A life filled with constantly having to pay for/fix your past compromises will mean carrying lots of regret in your old age (7-10).
3. Godly kids care for their parents (12, 29-31).
4. Giving up all of our material possessions in exchange for the means to support ourselves and families is what God wants us to do versus expecting to keep them and yet be supported or receive something for nothing (1-26).
5. Flat taxing is the integrity God prescribes thru His people thru-out the Bible (24-26).
6. Our response to God's flat tax as the requirement for saving us sb the same as those before Joseph (25; e.g. our tithe).
7. God blesses/cares for His people even when they exist in dangerous, cursed, ungodly places (27).

Genesis 48

1. Parents need to impart trust in God as their parting message to their kids (1-4).
2. We are to welcome children born out of covenant whose parents and/or themselves demonstrate faithfulness as covenant members (5-7).
3. Men of God have the courage to go against tradition and family to do the will of God (8-20).
4. For our children to receive the blessings of God we must take them to the place where God's blessings are distributed (1-22; the patriarchs/Jacob are representative of the covenant community; Psa 128:5; Eph 4:8-11).
5. Jacob/a Christian recognizes that God being His shepherd requires also redeeming him by His angel (i.e. angel of the Lord – Jesus Christ; 16; 2Ti 4:18).
6. God's people have been known to be ignorantly guilty of attempting to thwart the will of God – which means repenting and relenting once the servant of God makes that clear (17-19 - Joseph attempting to switch his father's hands).

Heb 1

1. Thru Jesus (or the NT) is the last message from God (1-2a).

2. Jesus is: 1) the Heir of all that exists (2b), 2) the Creator of all that exists (2c, 10), 3) the fully divine Son of God (2-3a, 4-5, 8-9), 4) the Sustainer of all that exists (3b, 11-12), 5) the Savior for sin (3c), 6) the King of all that exists (3d, 6-7, 13).

3. Angels serve Jesus and those in saving relationship w/Him (4-7, 14).

4. Angels are not divine (4-14).

Heb 2

1. Since Jesus is the Heir, Creator, Sustainer, King and Savior God of all that exists, we will pay the severest of penalties if we ignore His gracious offer of salvation (1-3a).

2. Jesus' gospel (i.e. gracious offer of salvation) was passed on by His eye-witnesses who proved it by miraculous signs (3b-4).

3. Jesus' position as Savior and King over all that exists required Him to become and suffer as a human being (5-10, 14a, 17-18).

4. Salvation thru Jesus means we now have one source for being right w/God (i.e. the various old clean laws are gone) (11-13).

5. Jesus motivates us to live faithful Christian lives when we realize that : 1) He secured a future for us beyond this life (14-15), 2) He made propitiation on our behalf (16-17), 3) He too suffered when tempted – yet overcame to be our example (18).