

"The 179th Degree"

From the Series,
"Jacob 180"

Genesis 49:22-26,33

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Meadow Baptist Church



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Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

1. The One Who Stole A Blessing Now Gives One (22-23)

- a. He communicated hope for Joseph's future (22) - *"Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall."*
- b. He affirmed valor in Joseph's past (23) - *"The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely."*

2. The One Who Wanted Glory Now Gives It (24-25)

- a. He magnified God's faithfulness (24) - *"Yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel)."*
- b. He testified of God's commitment (25a) - *"...by the God of your father who will help you..."*
- c. He glorified God for His generosity (25b) - *"...by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb."*

3. The One Who Lived As A Taker Now Dies As A Giver (26, 33)

- a. Jacob learned that he didn't have to be a taker, just a receiver (26a) - *"The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills..."*
- b. Jacob looked back on his life and could easily see how God freely gave him what he once thought he had to connive to receive.

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- c. Jacob desired that others would be blessed in his place (26b) - *"May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers."*
- d. Jacob experienced the last turn of his 180° life-reversal (33) - *"When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people."*