



Summer Bible Study

Greentown Baptist Church
Wednesday, 8/16/2023

1. What is the difference between a birthright and a blessing (Gen. 27:36)?

- **Birthright** - Any right or privilege, to which a person is entitled by _____, such as an estate descendible by law to an heir. The firstborn would typically become head of the family at the death of the father and thus would be in charge of the family and the family assets – Gen. 25:29-33. God specifically sanctified (set apart) the firstborn male, both human and animal – Ex. 13:2, 12-13, 34:19-20; Num. 3:13; Luke 2:23.
- **Blessing** - A wish of happiness pronounced; a prayer imploring happiness or the bestowal of good upon another. It is believed that the blessing generally placed the recipient in closer favor with God. Typically, the blessing was received by the _____. – Gen. 27:37-40.
- All of the details from this time period are not known for sure, but it does appear there could be _____ – Gen. 48:13-20; 1 Chron. 26:10.

2. Can people who are in Heaven currently “look down” and see us and observe a real time view of the earth and their friends/family?

- The dead remember their earthly activities – Luke 16:27-28; Rev. 6:9-10.
NOTE: Remembering earthly activities is not the same as being aware of what is _____ going on.
- Events that the dead do “see” (or are made aware of) are important to and revealed by _____ – Rev. 12:7-10, 18:19-20; Luke 15:7, 10, 9:28-31.
- The dead have no power of their own to make this happen nor does it seem that they can have any influence on or be affected by events here – Ecc. 9:5-6.
- The dead can be conjured up, if God allows it, though it is clearly forbidden – 1 Sam. 28; Deut. 18:10-12.
- While the examples we have in the Bible do not speak of this for _____, God can and does make known whatever He desires!

3. If you have heard the gospel and never gotten saved and go through the tribulation and take the mark of the beast, but pluck out your eye or cut off your hand, will you be able to go to Heaven?

- It is important to remember that the tribulation period is a different _____ than our current church age.
- If one has heard the gospel (church age) and never got saved and now is in the tribulation period, it would **seem** that this person will _____ – 2 Thess. 2:1-12.
- There will be people who do get saved in the tribulation period:
 - Those martyred for Christ – Rev. 6:9-11, 7:13-14, 13:15, 20:4 (**Note:** they did NOT take the mark of the beast).
 - Those who _____ to the end – Matt. 24:13-22,31; Mark 13:13; Rev. 12:14.

NOTE: They must have faith in what God says and in His Son Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:1,6) and must keep His commandments – Rev. 12:17, 14:12; Matt. 25.

- The mark of the beast: mark, name, or number of his name in the right hand or _____ – Rev. 13:16-18.
 - There is judgment against those who have taken the mark – Rev. 14:9-11, 16:2.
 - They _____ be able to cut off the mark – Matt. 5:29-30, 18:8-9; Mark 9:43-47.
 - OR it may be _____ - Matt. 5:29-30, 18:8-9; Mark 9:43-47.
- NOTE: Do a word study on “forehead”.