

The Funeral of Jacob > Genesis 49:28 – 50:14

49:28-33 *The death of Jacob.* The time for Jacob's death has come and he calls on Joseph to make sure that he is buried not there in Egypt, but back in the Promised Land of Canaan. This shows us Jacob's belief that God will keep His promises for the future.

50:1-3 *Grieving Jacob.* Even in the midst of trusting the Lord, we see from Joseph that grief is ok. Death is the enemy – we should not try and smooth over the loss it causes. Though we don't grieve without hope, it is still right for us to respond to death in this way.

50:4-14 *The burial of Jacob.* The burial includes not just Jacob's immediate family, but even a number of officials from Egypt. In this, we find a picture of what it means to honor someone who has died and to support those who remain.

Context: As we draw near to the end of Genesis, we shall see some massive transitions take place in the family of Israel.

Argument: How we respond to and recognize death reveals something about what we believe of who God is and what He has promised.

Gospel: Christ has defeated sin and death! Someday, it will be no more at all. What Jesus has done is to fulfill all of God's promises such that the curse of death no longer has a hold over the eternity of God's people. Rejoice!

Applications: How does your own view of death and dying reflect what God has said? How can it show the amazing work of Christ to those around you?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
