



It's Time Ministries

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Men's Bible Study: The Power of Sonship

Part 4: The Order of Sons

Significance of the Firstborn

- ❖ The firstborn had a special consecration to God – Exodus 13:2
- ❖ Regarded as the representative of the father – Gen. 49:3
- ❖ Head of the family upon father's death – Gen. 27
- ❖ Receives a double portion of the father's inheritance – Deut. 21:17
- ❖ Other scriptures to consider: Exo. 4:22-23; Rom. 8:29

The Providence of God and the Order of Sons

- ❖ In scripture, merely being born first did not always guarantee the full blessing
 - Ishmael and Isaac
 - Son of the flesh vs. the son of promise
Gen. 16:1-6, 15-16; 17:20-21; 18:9-14; 21:1-3
 - Esau and Jacob – Gen. 27:19-41
 - Son of process vs son of purpose
- ❖ The prodigal son and the firstborn – Luke 15:11-32
- ❖ David not first of Jesse's but still favored – 1 Sam. 16:11; Psa. 89:27

Our Focus Passage Tonight: Genesis 48:1-22

- ❖ Manasseh and Ephraim
 - They were adopted by their grandfather Jacob – vs. 5
 - Equal by adoption
 - They were Joseph's sons born in Egypt
 - Both blessed but the second received the first blessing
- ❖ It was an intentional crossover
 - Physical sight was not the issue – vs. 13
- ❖ Ephraim not first but chosen – Jer. 31:9

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