

## STUDY 9 – GOD PROMISES TO PRESERVE HIS PEOPLE - GENESIS 45-49

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### Share

Have you ever experienced a time when, looking back, you could clearly see God preserving or guiding you, even though you didn't recognise it at the time?

### Observe & Reflect

*Read Genesis 45:9-11; 25-28*

1. Why does Joseph call his family to Egypt? What reasons does he give?
2. Throughout Genesis, Joseph repeatedly says that God was the one who sent him to Egypt (45:5, 7, 9). What does this teach us about God's sovereignty and the way He works through ordinary people?
3. Jacob initially struggles to believe the news about Joseph. What finally convinces him? What does this reveal about the relationship between faith, evidence, and God's providence?

*Read Genesis 46:1-7*

4. Before leaving the Promised Land, Jacob stops to worship God at Beersheba. Why is this significant? What does it teach us about seeking God's direction during major life decisions?
5. God tells Jacob not to be afraid. List the four promises God gives Jacob in verses 3–4. Which promise do you find most encouraging, and why? (cf Genesis 15:13-16)
6. How do these promises reveal both God's sovereign purposes and His personal care?

*Read Genesis 46:28-34*

7. What stands out to you about the reunion between Joseph and Jacob?

*Read Genesis 48:1-5*

8. What are the promises Jacob repeats to Joseph? Why would Joseph need this reminder while living comfortably in Egypt?
9. Read Hebrews 11:8–10, 13-16. According to Hebrews, what were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob ultimately looking forward to? How does this reshape our understanding of the Promised Land?

10. Jacob adopts Ephraim and Manasseh into his family. How does this foreshadow the way God adopts believers into His family through Christ? (cf Gal 4:4-7)

### **Next Steps**

11. Where are you currently tempted to put down "deep tent pegs" and treat this world as your permanent home?
12. How does knowing that God preserves His people give you confidence when facing uncertainty, suffering or change?
13. God faithfully preserves His people until they are home with Him. How should that truth shape the way we live, pray and encourage one another this week?