

Scripture Reading: Genesis 49:27

Benjamin – Not a Son of Sorrow but the Son of Strength

Benjamin was the last son born to Israel. He was the second son of Rachel. When Benjamin was born, he caused great pain to his mother and when she was about to die she named him "Ben-oni" which meant "son of sorrow". But Israel named him "Benjamin" which meant "son of my strength". After the death of Rachel, he was known by the name Benjamin. After Joseph was taken to Egypt, Benjamin was the dearest child to Jacob. All the love that Jacob had on Joseph was now shown towards Benjamin.

Question:

What do we learn from the life of Benjamin?

Answer:

When I observed the life of Benjamin, I learnt two things from the grace of God that was over his life.

1) Since Rachel suffered unto death when giving birth to Benjamin, she named him as the son of sorrow. God immediately changed it and named him as the son of strength. May be the people at home consider you to be useless. Nevertheless, you will live not according to what people consider but according to the call of God over your life.

2) Though Joseph was exalted in the latter days, since he was in Egypt for 17 years going through much affliction, all the love of Jacob was towards Benjamin. Similarly, since Jesus suffered and went through much pain on the cross of Calvary, the love that God the father had over Jesus came upon us.

Dear brother/sister, having in mind the love of God that was revealed towards you, will you surrender yourself to live for him?

"But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed". Isaiah 53:5

Prayer

Gracious father, a thousand praises to your name. You strengthen them that are weak and console them that are abandoned. Thank You for Your love Lord. Amen