**SERMON NOTES**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

**“By Faith: Deathbed Worship”**

**Hebrews 11: 21 – 22**

**Each of these examples in our text this morning concern the end of these believers lives and how as a last act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they died believing by faith in God and trusting in His promises.**

**The thing that matters most - when you come to the end of your life - is the fact that you believing and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in that moment and trusting by faith in the promises of God.**

**All of Jacob’s words here in the blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh are done by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jacob is praying a blessing – asking God by faith that He would allow Abraham’s name and Isaac’s name – the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be carried on through these grandsons as if they were his own sons.**

**The author of Hebrews wants to call our minds back to this moment, when through all of the twists and turns of his life, now facing the uncertainty of death, Jacob / Israel is a man made \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God who is looking forward to the promises of God and the completion of them with eyes of faith.**

**Faith and worship are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ words for Jacob’s life not his failures, scheming, deceit, or lies.**

**Jacob knew by faith that God would make good on all of that He had said and that there was even a better city and a more permeant country than Canaan: a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ city that God was preparing for him.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worshipped. At the end of his life Jacob is bowing down in worship by faith to His God – the God he wrestled with and strived against all those years.**

**We are not our worst moments or our mistakes. We are known by God as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Christ brings in us by the Holy Spirit. God’s grace is to make us different and forgiven.**

**In Jacob we see both the power and necessity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith.**

**Through all the hardships, sufferings, and injustices that Joseph endured in his life, the thing the Bible wants us to know is that “the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was with Joseph”.**

**By God’s hand only, Joseph was able to remain – not perfectly or unwaveringly – but steadfast and faithful as he accepted that God is good and does good and that He was ultimately in control of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**There are many evidences of faith that the author of Hebrews could have referenced in Joseph’s life but God in His grace chooses to show us Joseph’s faith at the end of his life – his deathbed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Joseph was not interested in the trappings of this world, rather, he was more interested in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the promises of God.**

**Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.**

**Joseph knew by faith that God would make good on the promises that He had made and that there was even a better city and a more permanent country than Canaan: a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one.**

**These great examples of deathbed faiths are meant to inspire you and I and the Hebrews to keep our eyes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the same faithful God who kept His word and will bring us to our heavenly country as well.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until the end; let the last note of the song of your life be trusting God to bring you into the land He has promised through Christ - the New Heavens and New Earth through repentance of sin and belief in the work of Christ.**

Blanks: worship; repenting; faith; promise; new; final; heavenly; Jacob; change; deathbed; Lord; life; Lord; faith; certainty; assurance; heavenly; fixed; Believe;

**Congregational Reading – Exodus 13: 17 -19**

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.” But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here