

Waiting for His Salvation

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Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Genesis 49:16-21; 27,28

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Judah (Leah 4) - though sinful repented & God blessed with Messiah

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Issachar (Leah 9)

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Sons of Rachel:

Joseph (Rachel 11)

Benjamin (Rachel 12)

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13-15

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I Wait for Your Salvation O Lord!

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Psalms 103:13-14. What about you? Are you waiting on God's salvation?

Gad:

19

- Hebrew sounds like galloping war horse
- Chose own land, paid greatly, wiser to let Lord choose for you...

Asher:

20

- unwanted son of an unwanted wife - felt like nobody
- But God had a plan for him & provided richly Lk 2:36-38
- Rejoice you can be part of spiritual Israel through Christ Jesus

Naphtali:

21

- not clear, bears fawns or give goodly words

Benjamin:

27-28

- strong, bold & ferocious
- leaders: Ehud, Saul, Jonathon, Abner, Mordecai, Esther, Saul (Paul)
- warning: can be used for God or against God

Pink's Picture of Christ in Each Son:

Reuben - the excellency and dignity of Christ's person

Simeon/Levi - as they were cut off, so was Christ forsaken by God for us!

Levi - as they were made priests - so Christ was our high priest

Judah - as Judah would rule (Genesis 49:10) Christ is our King

Zebulun - Christ is our great refuge and haven of rest

Issachar - prefigured Christ as the lowly servant - He came as a suffering servant.

Dan - Dan was to judge just as Christ will be the ultimate Judge of all

Gad - 49:19 (KJV) But he shall overcome at the last. Pictures Christ's triumphant resurrection

Asher - Christ is indeed the Bread of life - the One who can satisfy the hearts of His own.

Naphtali - Christ is God's perfect prophet - who gives forth "goodly words".

Joseph - Just as Joseph was the savior of his brothers, Christ is the savior of His brothers.

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