<sup>«15</sup> Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, <sup>16</sup> the Angel who has delivered me from all harm—may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly upon the earth." (Genesis 48:15-16)

This is what Jacob said as he was blessings Ephraim and Manasseh the children of his son Joseph.

The blessing of Jacob implies the following things:

1-Full Obedience: Jacob said "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked." That means that God had blessed Abraham, Isaac and Jacob because they walked faithfully before the LORD. The word "Before whom they walked," implies that they were in full obedience and their life was an open book before God. Full obedience to God will bring His blessings in our lives.

2- Enjoying God's Shepherding: Jacob said "the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day." As we obey God the LORD will be our shepherd who will lead us in the right way and He will provide for us all our needs; the Material as well as the spiritual needs.

3- Have the privileges of God's deliverance from all harms: "the

Angel who has delivered me from all harm." God's blessings that follow obedience include protection from the enemies and deliverance from all troubles and the plots of evil doers.

4- God's blessings bring great increase: "may he bless these boys ..., and may they increase greatly upon the earth." Great increase will come from the LORD who approve the walk and seal his approval with His increase and what He add unto our lives.

Let us be inspired of what we read and let us be encourage walking faithfully with the LORD knowing that our labour is not in vain

## My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for our sins to give us eternal life. LORD thank you for your promising word that revive my soul. LORD I commit myself into your hands to walk faithfully before you the rest of the days of my life, knowing that you will bless me abundantly and give me great increase under your shepherding and deliverance. Remind always of these words of yours especially in times of trouble so I will be encouraged and continue to do my best for you, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.



"However, as it is written: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."

(1Corinthians 2:9)

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