Crossed Minds and Crossed Hands

Gen. 48:8—*And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?*

***Who are these?***

The eye of faith is very clear even when the eye of the body is clouded.

The Hands of faith are right on even when against what we have always known or done.

Gen. 48:17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. 18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. 19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. 20 And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

The natural thinking can be so limited.

Gen. 48:11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.

*Few people know much about Christ though they talk persuasively about Him as though they were well-acquainted with Him. Right knowledge will correct a lot of poor doctrine, and if there is anywhere we need right knowledge, it is in the knowledge of Jesus Christ*

**Alliterate every major point, minor point, sub-point and sub-sub-point.**

Plain and simple truths concerning the identity and person of Jesus Christ are extremely important. If you are not right on these truths, you will have theological problems everywhere.

Sound Biblical Praying, Preaching, Progressing

1. Praying
2. Preaching - Proclaiming the Promise
   1. Proving – Prove possible by Performing the Promise
      1. Providing evidence - **Provision**
         1. Provide right scripture for the Truth you are dealing with
         2. Proving the impossible – Possible.
         3. Proving the Point, Position, Promise and Power of God.
   2. Painting– Paint a mental Picture with Scripture, words and actions
      1. Present a picture for the mind - **Prevision**
         1. Put the Word before the worry – problem
         2. Present the Promise above every problem.
         3. Put forward the command, put behind you the complaint.
   3. Persuading – Plead with men to obey only the Truth
      1. Perform the Promise – **Persuasion** – **Performance** - **Producing**
         1. A Particular Promise, Standard, done in a particular manner
         2. Perform for His transformation not just for our reform
         3. A Perfect Performance to His Glory

Deut. 21:17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

1Ch 5:1 ¶ Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

Abel above Cain, Shem above Japheth, Abraham above Nahor and Haran, Isaac above Ishmael, Jacob above Esau; Judah and Joseph were preferred before Reuben, Moses before Aaron, David and Solomon before their elder brethren. Paul above Barnabus, Timothy above many.

Gen. 25:23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Romans 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.