**Amazing Agape Christian Church**

**2021.12.05 Sunday Sermon 主日講道講章**

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**主題經文Scripture Reading**

**Deuteronomy 12:8-9**8“You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever *is* right in his own eyes— 9for as yet you have not come to the rest[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-5250e)] and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you.

## Choose this day...

**Ephraim / Manasseh
Genesis 48:5**

**5**And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, *are* mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

 **Genesis 48:9,13-14
9**Joseph said to his father, “They *are* my sons, whom God has given me in this *place.*

**13**And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel’s left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel’s right hand, and brought *them* near him. **14**Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid

*it* on Ephraim’s head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh’s head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh *was* the firstborn.

 **1st Blessing
Genesis 48:16**

**16**The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;
And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

 **Genesis 48:19,20**

**19**But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.**20**So he blessed them that day, saying, “By you Israel will bless, saying, ‘May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!’ And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

**2nd Blessing**

**Genesis 49:22-26**

**22**“Joseph *is* a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall. **23**The archers have bitterly grieved him, Shot *at him* and hated him. **24**But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty *God* of Jacob (From there *is*

the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), **25**By the God of your father who will help you, And by the Almighty who will bless you *With* blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb. **26**The blessings of your father Have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, Up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.

 **3rd Blessing
Deuteronomy 33:13-16
13**And of Joseph he said: “Blessed of the Lord *is* his land, With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, And the deep lying beneath, **14**With the precious fruits of the sun, With the precious produce of the months, **15**With the best things of the ancient mountains, With the precious things of the everlasting hills, **16**With the precious things of the earth and its fullness,
And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let *the blessing* come ‘on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him *who was* separate from his brothers.

 **Ephraim**

**Joshua 16:4**

**4**So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Joshua+16&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-6270e)]inheritance.

 **Exodus 23:28,32-33**

28And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.

**32**You shall make no [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-2177h)]covenant with them, nor with their gods. **33**They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For *if* you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.

**Joshua 16:10**

**10**And they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers.

 **Judges 1:29**

**29**Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; so the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

**1Chronicles 12:30**

**30**of the sons of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1Chronicles+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-10751h)]famous men throughout their father’s house

**Judges 8:1**

**1** Now the men of Ephraim said to him, “Why have you done this to us by not calling us when you went to fight with the Midianites?” And they reprimanded him sharply.

**Judges 8:2-3**

**2**So he said to them, “What have I done now in comparison with you? *Is* not the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Judges+8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-6722a)]gleaning *of the grapes* of Ephraim better than [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Judges+8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-6722b)]the vintage of

Abiezer? **3**God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison with you?” Then their anger toward him subsided when he said that.

**Isaiah 28:1-3**

1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, Whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower Which *is* at the head of the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+28&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-18166a)]verdant valleys, To those who are overcome with wine! **2**Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, Like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, Who will bring *them* down to the earth with *His* hand. **3**The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, Will be trampled underfoot

**2Chronicles 28:3**

**3**He burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

 **Jeremiah 30:22**

**22**‘You shall be My people, And I will be your God.

**Jeremiah 31:18-20
18**“I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself: ‘You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will return, For You *are* the Lord my God. **19**Surely, after my turning, I repented; And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was

ashamed, yes, even humiliated, Because I bore the reproach of my youth.’ **20***Is* Ephraim My dear son? *Is he* a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore My [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+31&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-19712e)]heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the Lord.

**Manasseh**

**Deuteronomy 33: 17**

**17**His glory *is like* a firstborn bull, And his horns *like* the horns of the wild ox; Together with them He shall push the peoples To the ends of the earth;
They *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.

**Numbers 32:33**

**33**So Moses gave to the children of Gad, to the children of Reuben, and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land with its cities within the borders, the cities of the surrounding country.

**Revelation 7:4, 6b**

4And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *were* sealed:

6b of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand *were* sealed;

**Joshua 13:7-9**

**7**Now therefore, divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh.” **8**With the other half-tribe the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses had given them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the Lord had given them: **9**from Aroer which *is* on the bank of the River Arnon, and the town that *is* in the midst of the ravine, and all the plain of Medeba as far as Dibon;

**Joshua 13:29**

**29**Moses also had given *an inheritance* to half the tribe of Manasseh; it was for half the tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families:

**Joshua 17:12-13**

**12**Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities, but the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. **13**And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

**Numbers 27:4
4**Why should the name of our father be removed[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Numbers+27&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-4559a)] from among his family because he had no son? Give us a [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Numbers+27&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-4559b)]possession among our father’s brothers.

**Dan
1st Blessing**

**Genesis 49:16-17**

**16**“Dan shall judge his people As one of the tribes of Israel. **17**Dan shall be a serpent by the way, A viper by the path, That bites the horse’s heels So that its rider shall fall backward.

 **2nd Blessing**

**Deuteronomy 33:22**

**22**And of Dan he said: “Dan *is* a lion’s whelp; He shall leap from Bashan.

**Judges 1:34**

34And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley

**Judges 18:1**

1 In those days *there was* no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until that day *their* inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.

**Judges 18:14-30**

**14**Then the five men who had gone to spy out the country of Laish answered and said to their brethren, “Do you know that there are in these houses an ephod, household idols, a carved image, and a molded image? Now therefore, consider what you should do.” **15**So they turned aside there, and came to the house of the young Levite man—to the house of Micah—and greeted him. **16**The six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate

**17**Then the five men who had gone to spy out the land went up. Entering there, they took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image. The priest stood at the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men *who were* armed with weapons of war. **18**When these went into Micah’s house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image, the priest said to them, “What are you doing?” **19**And they said to him, “Be quiet, put your hand over your mouth, and come with us; be a father and a priest to us. *Is it* better for you to be a priest to the household of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?” **20**So the priest’s heart was glad; and he took the ephod, the household idols, and the carved image, and took his place among the people. **21**Then they turned and departed, and put the little ones, the livestock, and the goods in front of them. **22**When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who *were* in the houses near Micah’s house gathered together and overtook the children of Dan. **23**And they called out to the children of Dan. So they turned around and said to Micah, “What ails you, that you have gathered such a company?” **24**So he said, “You have taken away my [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Judges+18&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-7018d)]gods which I made, and the priest, and you have gone away. Now what more do I have? How can you say to me, ‘What ails you?’ ” **25**And the children of Dan said to him, “Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Judges+18&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-7019e)]angry men fall upon you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household!” **26**Then the children of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house. **27**So they took *the things* Micah had made, and the priest who had belonged to him, and went to Laish, to a people quiet and secure; and they struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. **28***There was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Sidon, and they had no ties with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth Rehob. So they rebuilt the city and dwelt there. **29**And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel. However, the name of the city formerly *was* Laish. **30**Then the children of Dan set up for themselves the carved image; and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Judges+18&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-7024f)]Manasseh, and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.

**1Kings 12:25-30**

**25**Then Jeroboam built[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1Kings+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-9177e)] Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel. **26**And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: **27**If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.” **28**Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!” **29**And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. **30**Now this thing became a sin, for the people went

*to worship* before the one as far as Dan.

 **Amos 8:14
14**Those who swear by the [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Amos+8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-22496e)]sin of Samaria, Who say,
‘As your god lives, O Dan!’ And, ‘As the way of Beersheba lives!’ They shall fall and never rise again.

**2Chronicles 2:14**

**14**(the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre), skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan which may be given to him, with your skillful men and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.

 **Deuteronomy 12:8-9**

**8**“You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever *is* right in his own eyes— **9**for as yet you have not come to the rest[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-5250e)] and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you.

**Hosea 6:1**

**1** Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us;
He has stricken, but He will [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hosea+6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-22169a)]bind us up.

**Hosea 6:3**

**3**Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter *and* former rain to the earth.