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## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES NUGGETS

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## FACTORS INFLUENCING HOUSEHOLD SALVATION (6)

(The blessing of Asher and of his tribe)

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2025: OUR YEAR OF FULFILLED DREAMS GENESIS 41:1, GENESIS 42:9

- If you do not understand your fold—your God-ordained place and people—you cannot truly prosper because abundance and sufficiency in all things are tied to alignment with divine placement. Until you return to your fold, you may wander, but you will not flourish (**Genesis 49:8-10, Deuteronomy 33:7, Jeremiah 23**).
- There is a unique advantage for the second son, but the principle is bigger than birth order. While the firstborn was traditionally entitled to the double portion, Reuben lost it, Joseph's tribe did not retain it, and even Ephraim, who received Jacob's right hand as the younger one, eventually lost it. The sceptre passed instead to Judah, showing that birthright is not about when you were born but about walking rightly with God. Whether firstborn, lastborn, or middleborn, if you align yourself with God's word, His blessing will not elude you (**Genesis 30:13; 49:3-4; 48:13-20; 49:10**).
- Without making a doctrine out of the blessing of the second son, we can still see its enviable position in Scripture. Abel—the second son of Adam and Eve—offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, and God honoured his offering. Though second by birth, he was first in recognition, securing the opening place in the hall of faith (**Genesis 4:1-2, Hebrews 11:4**).
- Isaac was, biologically, the second son of Abraham. Through Sarah, he was the first, but by Abraham, he was the second, since Hagar had already given birth to Ishmael. Yet it was Isaac who became the son of promise, the one through whom God's covenant would stand. Though second born, he carried the divine mandate, for God Himself declared His covenant with him (**Genesis 17:18-21**).
- Jacob, whose name means “supplanter” or “cheater,” began life in struggle but ended in transformation. After wrestling with God and prevailing, he was given a new

name—Israel, “*a prince with power.*” Significantly, Jacob, too, was the second son of Isaac and Rebekah (**Genesis 25:24-26; 32:24-32**).

- The Lord Jesus Christ, who is the last Adam, is also the second man from heaven (**1 Corinthians 15:47**). There were two sons of God. The first one is Adam, but the begotten Son is Jesus Christ the Lord (**Luke 3:38, John 3:16**). And as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so we shall bear the image of the heavenly man (**1 Corinthians 15:49**).
- Asher was the eighth son of Jacob, and in biblical numerics, eight signifies *new beginnings*. Jacob's blessing over him declared, “*Bread from Asher shall be rich, and he shall yield royal dainties*” (**Genesis 49:20**). This means that anyone who carries Asher's blessing cannot afford to serve stale, tasteless, or lifeless bread. The anointing of Asher demands freshness, richness, and excellence. This is why CGCC is a house where fresh bread and royal dainties are always in supply—every time and all the time—by the special grace of God.

- Moreover, Scripture describes Asher as “*the most blessed of the sons*” (**Deuteronomy 33:24-25**). At first glance, one might expect that honour to belong to Joseph, who endured great trials and rose to bring deliverance not only to Egypt but also to Israel. Yet, in God's wisdom, it was Asher who received this distinction, reminding us that divine blessing is not measured by human achievement but by God's sovereign choice.
- To “*dip one's feet in oil*” is a biblical picture of abundance and wealth (**Deuteronomy 33:24-25**). But who are those who walk in such a portion? Job gives us the answer in his testimony (**Job 29:1-20**): they are the ones who live in righteousness, defend the cause of the poor, deliver the oppressed, and walk in covenant fellowship with God. Prosperity in God's order is never divorced from character, justice, and faithfulness.
- When you dip your feet in oil, it is because God Himself has poured that oil upon you. Your steps are no longer ordinary—they are ordered, directed, and anointed. Such

steps cannot lead you astray; they carry divine precision. You become the right person, in the right place, at the right time, fulfilling the right purpose in the right season.

- When God favours you and sets your feet in oil, honour will not only meet you where you go—it will pursue you wherever you turn.
- When you put on the bronze and iron shoes upon your anointed feet, you are fully equipped with divine authority. You have what it takes to tread upon serpents and scorpions and to walk over all the powers of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means harm you (**Luke 10:19; Deuteronomy 33:24-25**).
- Just as the Lord empowered the seed of the woman to bruise the serpent's head, so also, He is now crushing Satan under the feet of those who walk in unity and refuse to be entangled with those who cause division in the church.
- When you learn to carry yourself with dignity and live

by the Word, God Almighty Himself will act on your behalf. Just as He fulfilled His promise through the seed of the woman, He will also bruise Satan under your feet shortly (**Genesis 3:14-15; Romans 16:17-20**). This is the guarantee of His presence in your life. This is what it means to walk daily with the sandal of bronze and iron—steadfast, unshakable, and victorious. That is why the Bible declares, *“As your days, so shall your strength be.”*

- It is no coincidence that Anna—the prophetess, a great woman of faith, and the daughter of Phanuel—was from the tribe of Asher (**Luke 2:36-38**). Her life bore witness to the prophetic blessing of her tribe, carrying the richness and freshness of Asher's inheritance into the very moment of Christ's revelation.
- I strongly perceive that with the blessing of Asher upon our ministry, we are, by God's grace, positioned to stand at the forefront of the last mass evangelical campaign that will usher in the King of kings and

the Lord of lords. Therefore, it is high time we intensified our efforts in **consistent, contagious, and compelling evangelism**—by the special grace of God—in obedience to the final command of the Lord Jesus to His Church.

### Declarations

- Lord, we thank You from the depths of our hearts for the blessing of Asher, which activates and propels Your living word in this house continually. We confess that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from Your mouth.
- Thank You, Lord Jesus, the bread of life. We acknowledge that You are the living bread, the true bread that comes down from heaven. As we gather in this house to nourish our spirits and souls with eternal food, grant us grace to use the strength we receive for Your divine plans, purposes, and the advancement of Your kingdom on the earth, in the mighty name of Jesus.

- And now, Father, according to Your word, we declare that sickness, disease, and death are stopped in their tracks until we finish well and strong—and afterwards live forever with You. As our days,

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