

A number of other predictions we just don't know how to interpret, but I think the reason is that most of them refer to events during the time when the tribes were in Canaan a few centuries after Jacob's time. If we knew the complete history, I think we'd know all that is meant in chs. 48 and 49.

But God gave Jacob the power of seeing how the sons of Joseph and the other sons of Jacob would be greatly blessed of God in the ~~future~~ future. When Jacob gave these statements about these blessings, that God was going to give them, Jacob worshipped as he leaned on the top of his staff. Poor old Jacob as he was dying as he was nearing the end of his life, as he had to lean on his staff, for strength, he looked to God and worshipped ~~to~~ God giving adoration to the God who was so willing to blessing his descendants, and to the God who had given him this privilege of getting a glimpse of the future of his descendants, looking forward on to the Son of Judah, the One who would be the Son of David and the Saviour of all who would put their trust in Him. He worshipped at this situation.

When we worship we bow in praise to God, in adoring recognition of His majesty and greatness! I asked that we sing this song, "O worship the King, all glorious above and gratefully sing His power and His love." It is a direct relation to God as the soul bows in adoring contemplation for His goodness, His greatness, and His holiness. This is what we mean when we speak of worship.

The word worship used to be used a good deal in English 3 or 4 hundred years ago, they applied it to relations between human beings, or to an individual human being's worthiness. They would address an official as "Your Worship." Those have pretty well disappeared today. About the only use of the word in common use are in speaking of a worship service, or a house of worship. But we see