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Ben or Benjamin is also from the Bible; he was the youngest son of Jacob and the second son by Rachel. From Genesis 42, Jacob was very fond of Benjamin because he was Joseph's only full brother. Little is known or provided about Ben beyond that summarized above; but, the name has been used over and over again in the naming of boys.

From memory, the name applied to one of my college friends, Ben Craig. My brother also had a college friend by the name of Ben Darby. From recollection, both were very intelligent and performed well in difficult programs. In the fictional series, "Star Wars", the master Jetti warrior's named was abbreviated as Ben. Some years ago, the prime minister of Israel was named Benjamin; and, of course, the great statesman and inventor was Benjamin Franklin. "Ben" is quite a name!

Benjamin, from the Bible, also came to be the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. At the time of the revolt from King Rehoboam, the tribes of Benjamin and Judah remained loyal to David's line and formed the Kingdom of Judah {2 Chronicles 10}.

Well, Benjamin seems to have some real qualities worth noting in order:

- Intelligent
- Loyal
- Admired or held in high esteem
- Reliable
- Leadership

I'm sure that many more qualities could be derived if I only knew more Benjamin's. But what is most important is that I know Benjamin Rainer who is my second oldest son and third oldest child. It is this particular Ben that struggled through multiple eye surgeries as an infant, a multitude of formulas, and an endless case of ear infections. Yet, somehow, by God's power he made it! – thank God for miracles and the compassion and skill of doctors and surgeons.

How I miss those brown eyes and your somewhat pensive expression; the way you kick a ball; or react to defend yourself against greater threats; the way you stacked your toy soldiers with such care and precision; that sometimes gravely voice; and stubborn manner; and simply the way you brought joy to my life. Ben is a name and a person I will never forget; and have always remembered with great admiration, affection, and devotion. Amen

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