

Our Inheritance – 1 Kings 21

- I. Introduction
- II. Key Thought: Naboth is an example to us
- III. Children of God and children of the world value the inheritance differently
 - a. Children of the World
 - i. The highest value in the sight of the world is the price tag, or what other thing can be exchanged for it that a person wants – v.2
 - b. Children of God
 - i. Realize that there are some things so precious that nothing can be exchanged for them – v. 3
 - ii. The inheritance
 - 1. Recognized God's authority
 - 2. And the value of what he had received
 - c. This attitude causes a reaction from the world
 - i. It makes some people sad – v. 4-6
 - ii. It makes others angry – v. 7-10
 - d. They may kill us b/c of this attitude – v. 11-16
 - i. That is alright for the children of God
 - 1. Naboth
 - a. Naboth did not lose his inheritance
 - b. He secured it
 - 2. Us
 - a. Death cannot impoverish us
 - b. It secures our inheritance
 - ii. But not for them – v. 17-24
- IV. The Inheritance
 - a. The gospel was sent to provide an inheritance – Acts 26:16-18
 - b. Living for the spirit makes us heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – Rom. 8:17
 - c. Unrighteousness causes us to forfeit our inheritance – 1 cor. 6:9,10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5;
 - d. In Christ we receive an inheritance, and the Holy Spirit is the down payment/earnest money – Eph. 1:11-14
 - e. We will receive it if we persevere, because God's promise will not fail – Heb. 6:11-20
 - f. To not value it properly is to be profane, like Esau – Heb. 12:15-17
 - g. Doesn't require earthly status or riches – James 2:5
 - h. It is a living hope - 1 Pet 1:3-5
 - i. We must overcome to inherit – Rev. 21:6-7
 - j. It is worth more than all earthly possession, because it is eternal life – Matt. 19:29
- V. Conclusion
 - a. This world may offer us any number of things in order to get us to give up our inheritance, but our answer should be – 1 Kings 21:3 NKJV "The LORD forbid that I should give up the inheritance of my Father!"

- b. This world may threaten us with ridicule, shame, isolation, abuse, imprisonment or even death to get us to give up our inheritance, but our answer should be – 1 Kings 21:3 NKJV "The LORD forbid that I should give up the inheritance of my Father!"
- c. But we should not only be determined never to give it up, but also determined to rejoice fully in our certain possession of it and in its infinite value
 - i. If we never think about it, it WILL lose its value
 - ii. Keeping its value in our mind is key to our joy in Christ and firmness in holding onto it
 - 1. This hope is an anchor for the soul
 - 2. It rests on the unchangeable promise of God that He WILL give it
 - 3. And our determination to overcome, so that we may receive it
- d. Are you an heir of God?
 - i. Christ's = Abraham's seed = heirs – Gal. 3:26-29
- e.

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