



Staking Your Claim

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TEXT: NUMBERS 26-27:11

Justice is always a work in progress, requiring people to keep working for what's fair and right. Women have a voice, men are to seek God's wisdom and follow it, and as Christians we are to step up into our inheritance! What does God want you to ask for today?



NOTES

“The names of the daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.”

Numbers 27:1

“They approached the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders and the whole assembly and said, ‘Our father died in the desert. He was not among Korah’s followers, who banded together against the Lord, but he died for his own sin and left no sons.’”

Numbers 27:2-3

“Why should our father’s name disappear from his clan because he had no son? Give us property among our father’s relatives.”

Numbers 27:4

Moses’ law, and those of other nations at the time, stated that only a son could inherit property and that left women out. They had no rights.

“So Moses brought their case before the Lord and the Lord said to him, ‘What Zelophehad’s daughters are saying is right. You must certainly give them property as an inheritance among their father’s relatives and turn their father’s inheritance over to them.’”

Numbers 27:5-7

“Say to the Israelites, ‘If a man dies and leaves no son, turn his inheritance over to his daughter...This is to be a legal requirement for the Israelites, as the Lord commanded Moses.’”

Numbers 27:8-11

“Women have rights!” so God says.

Who were the 5 daughters of Zelophehad? No one special. From the humble tribe of Manasseh. They came before the leaders respectfully, not demanding or whining. They were women of character and courage.

“So Zelophehad’s daughters did as the Lord commanded Moses...”

Numbers 36:10

How different these women are from the lascivious and immoral ones of Moab.

How different Moses' leadership is from that of the Moabite men who were willing to traffic their women for personal and political gain.



Where are the men who, when women are at risk, will go to the Lord first and seek his will and way, instead of leaning into their own understanding?

When Moses put God first and took the question the woman brought to the Lord, he got an answer different from that of the surrounding nations.

How does this apply to you?

- Justice is always a work in progress, requiring people to keep working for what's fair and right
- Honor the process. Abide by the decision.
- Women: Find your voice
- Men: Seek God's wisdom and follow it
- Keep working at it to make our laws the best they can be

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, **prayers**, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – **for kings and all those in authority...**"

1 Timothy 2:1-2

- Lay hold of what's yours. Claim your inheritance.
Show up. Speak up. And lay hold of what's yours in Christ.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Ephesians 1:3

"...you were also **included** in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our **inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession..."

Ephesians 1:13-14

He brought you out of slavery so that now, as a treasured possession, he might fill you up with his Spirit, giving you access to your inheritance in Jesus Christ.

What does your spiritual inheritance include?

- Every spiritual blessing: peace, pardon, provision from God for living your life. (Romans 8)

How do you access it?

- Prayer



“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it gives your Father great happiness to give you the kingdom.”

Luke 12:32 NLT

What does “give you the kingdom” mean?

- It means bringing you into His promises

“God has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

2 Peter 1:4

Jesus Christ has given you a great inheritance - spiritual possessions that he wants you to ask for in his name.

How are you supposed to do that?

“Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

Pray expectantly, faithfully, respectfully - and let Him bless you.

In the TV sitcom, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, the Clampetts had more resources and wealth than they could imagine, but they still lived like poor hillbillies.

Too many Christians do the same thing.

- You have received every spiritual blessing in Christ.
- How many have you laid hold of this week?

How can you do that?

- Know the promises. Get in the Word
- Believe that God wants you to experience them
- Pray and ask God to give you what’s your inheritance in Christ

“Thou art coming to a King; large petitions with you bring; for His grace and power are such; none can ever ask too much.” – “Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare” by John Newton



Don't live like a spiritual hillbilly. Ask! Ask big! God's not going to be offended.

Women: show up, speak up, find your voice.

Men: don't hinder your women, seek God's wisdom and treat them with dignity.

Christian: step up into your inheritance. Don't live in spiritual poverty.

“My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19

God's not a vending machine. Prayer isn't magic.

Sometimes He says 'no', but that doesn't mean we shouldn't ask.

It's there where He surprises us with spiritual blessings that are far greater than the material ones we still often seek.

What does God want you to ask for today?

Where is God calling you to see ... more than meets the eye?

