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

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