

## 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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