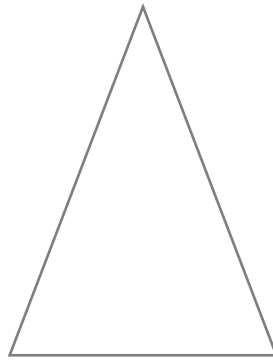

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A PERSPECTIVE ON GOD'S INHERITANCE

An inheritance is a right given by a father to a son a privilege as an heir or firstborn by the will of the father to rest in.

In addition, the English word "sons" (translating the Greek word *huioi*) is retained in specific instances because the underlying Greek term usually includes a male meaning component and it was used as a legal term in the adoption and inheritance laws of first-century Rome. As used by the apostle Paul, this term refers to the status of all Christians, both men and women, who, having been adopted into God's family, now enjoy all the privileges, obligations, and inheritance rights of God's children.

A BIBLICAL CONTEXT TO INHERITANCE

- The promise God made to Abraham - Given to Abram the promise of privilege a Grace for the provision for that which is, was, and to come.
- The inheritance of land to Israel - land was the inheritance, a dwelling place, ownership, dignity, rights and privileges.
- The inheritance of the Levites - are the recipients of the provision of the tithe the portion which belongs to God is now the inheritance for the Levi, God is they potion.
- The inheritance of the sons of God - concluding a transition from the old covenant to the new covenant through Christ Jesus, all the children who comes to Him and believe are given the right to become sons of God, I aM putting this in simply terms. The mystery of the word is now know and understood that we are co heirs in Christ Jesus, we in him and he in us. So as Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father in heavenly places so is the spiritual son positioned in Christ.
- His glorious inheritance - reclamation of the son into the kingdom, the son reunited with the father into the kingdom as son not servants.

In order to communicate this subject by divine revelation we have to firstly look at the scriptures which presents the build up to God's will in the following light. Abraham was a man whom God choose to bring forth the purposes and plans of God's seed by grace to produce after its kind a nation that will be seen as one, called Jacob and later as Israel {[Genesis 32:28](#) 'Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."ESV} God refers to as One. This one nation was the intended purpose in whom God would reveal Himself to all men.

Galatians 4:1-7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. ESV

There is much to be considered on this subjected and which will open our understanding to a greater measure in revealing Christ Jesus the life giver and owner of ALL things in heaven and earth, however if only we pay attention to the voice of God to truly understand that we belong to Him and that we are His inheritance in Christ, as Christ is in us our inheritance, because He is the expressed Word of God in the flesh whom the prophets and the law spoke about. How privileged are we to be called unto His name by grace a grand design according to the will of the Father to rest in Him as heirs as sons.

To clarify **rest**, is simply to be found not wanting anything because everything is found in the Father. The grand illusion of mansions in heaven and streets of gold, is not a resting place nor is it an inheritance but rather subjected to the thinking of a carnal mind wanting to be in heavenly places with earthly benefits. We should by all accounts fix our eyes on Him to understand kingdom and its dimensions of operations.

A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Joseph was a son of Jacob, the youngest at the time when his brothers sold him into slavery. He ended up in Egypt and went through some unsavory trails but God delivered him and he found favor with Pharaoh and was appointed as prince over Egypt. Joseph saved that land from an economic crisis. The fact still remained he was landless and destitute although he had everything under Pharaoh. He longed for his father. God had prepared Joseph to be in a place that would lead to events unfolding the grace and love of God eventually raising up Moses to deliver Israel from its disposition of slavery after Joseph had passed on and not remembered by the other Pharaohs, to bring them into rest, a land promised to them by God however it was Joshue, Moses's spiritual son who took the land by the command of God as Moses himself died not entering the land. {Deuteronomy 4:20 But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day.ESV}

Joshua 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war. ESV

THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE OLD TESTAMENT COMMANDED BY GOD REGARDING THE LEVITE PORTION AND THE ISRAEL'S PORTION IN OTHER WORDS THEIR INHERITANCE

Levites Inheritance

Numbers 18:20-21 And the Lord said to Aaron, “You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the people of Israel. To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their service in the tent of meeting. ESV

Numbers 18:24 For the tithe of the people of Israel, which they present as a contribution to the Lord, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance. Therefore I have said of them that they shall have no inheritance among the people of Israel. ESV

Deuteronomy 10:9 Therefore Levi has no portion or inheritance with his brothers. The Lord is his inheritance, as the Lord your God said to him. ESV

Israel's Inheritance

Judges 2:6 When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land ESV

Psalms 78:71-72 From following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance. With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand. ESV

The Inheritance unto God

Isaiah 19:25 Whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance. ESV {**Note:** Egypt used as an incubator and Assyria used as a shaping tool.}

Jeremiah 10:16 Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name. ESV

This is a mirror reflection of what's to take place after Christ Jesus fulfill all of which is spoken of Him in the law and Prophets.

AN OBSERVATION {DOING RIGHT IN YOUR OWN EYES}

Deuteronomy 12:8-9 “You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your God is giving you. ESV

Repeated Trends

- Among The Priest/Pastoral
- Among The People/Congregation

The priesthood/pastoral has one distinct function and that's to father the sons into maturity, instead there is a lawlessness nature to have everything from the land to the tithe and some would even dare to receive worship {a pharisee and sadducees spirit}. In fact some would see no difference between a tax collector and a priest/pastor they have a communistic governmental spirit of imposing things on people. No father there's no son and no spirit. This is just one observation of something going wrong when there is limited or no understanding of what the Lord has given unto us, a spirit of an orphan arises and a very disillusioned mindset creeps into the soul. It's just the wrong spirit ‘what is it if a man gains the whole world yet loses his soul’, the mixture of secular influencing the priesthood has reached the extent of buying the land with the tithe and the tithe been exchanged for land, inheritances are being swapped because the carnal is mistaken for spiritual blessing and entitlement.

Jeremiah 10:14-16 Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them. They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment they shall perish. Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name. ESV {Repeated in context}

‘People perish for a lack of knowledge’ this seems to be a trend throughout the ages were a lack of knowledge sums up the stupidity of man. To some measure we see the congregation evolving into a dictatorship over the priesthood/pastoral because of the Tithe {the portion God set over the levite as his inheritance} a mismanaged inheritance by the people of God where accountability and responsibility should be exercised over family, friendships, jobs, business, wealth etc we see a reverse of greed and lawlessness, depravity and an orphan mindset evolving. The message concerning the inheritance and sonship is summed up in God’s divine grace toward man. Only sons can inherit from his father, not associates friends, neighbors, partners, members, or anyone else outside of sonship in Christ, nor can a child inherit, as long as he is a child he will always be under managers and guardians.

In light of this matter the spirit of God is addressing these current issues in order to correct the now for the future and it's got to do with those who are called by God to declared His Good News.

Its regarding the integrity of the word and therefore a distinct separation of the one called unto God for the purpose of Fathering His people. There is good reason why God give the Levites the tithe as his inheritance and not the land. A notable scriptural fact which is that God says *'He is their portion'*. As God is Holy and Righteous so the Levitical priest were to be and maintain that position by not becoming corrupt by any means therefore the priest received the tithe and the people receive the land.

DISOBEDIENCE AND INHERITANCE

The scriptures have outlined the issues of disobedience and the consequence thereof. The fathers love for his children and the children's love for the father cannot be based on stuff, you do I do, you give I give type of mentality although material things are a part of inheriting on earth. Receiving from the father and walking away from him leads to separation and un-natural thinking which is in the case illustrated in both the Old Testament and New Testament, Israel's disobedience resulted in foreign capture, invasion, disillusionment, worship of idols, walking away from truth, hopelessness, despair and subjected to abused, in the case of the prodigal son he wasted away all that was given to him and came to his senses and returned to the fathers house. Although in the case of both as an example of abandoning God and walking after their own ways ultimately changing the position of which they held, God's position did not change His love was consistent in every way.

Jeremiah 16:18 But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations."ESV

Jeremiah 51:19 Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name. ESV

Lamentation 5:1-5 Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us; look, and see our disgrace! Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our homes to foreigners. We have become orphans, fatherless; our mothers are like widows. We must pay for the water we drink; the wood we get must be bought. Our pursuers are at our necks; we are weary; we are given no rest.

The new testament gives us a story of the prodigal son, He asked for his portion or inheritance and lives a life contrary to that of his up bringing, he spends everything on loose living and ends up at the lowest point of life. Just like Israel God never forgot about them as the father of the prodigal son. ESV

Luke 15-11-13 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ESV

Luke 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ESV

Luke 15:22-24 But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. ESV

The Sons of Disobedience

Ephesians 5:5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

DEFENSE BY GRACE

In a portion of scripture which is popular among believers reads, ‘**you shall be my people, and I shall be your God {OT}**’ to bring perspective on this, God is Father and a Father would take the necessary actions for and towards His children. **Israel is that prodigal son**, impulse, no thought of preservation, until they came to their senses. A true father will never abandon his sons because he loves unconditional. One of the worst things to see in a child is a behavior which reflects an adult, but if that child is loved unconditional despite the number of growing up mishaps of life, a son of maturity will be produced, good fruit, a heart and mind that reflects the inward and outward disciplines of the Father. Jesus exemplifies this and reflects this back towards his people a ‘tree is know by its fruit’. For God so loved the world he gave His only son, whosoever believe in Him shall have everlasting life’ a perfect expression of grace, love and inheritance which is life in Christ.

The People

Ezekiel 35:15 As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so I will deal with you; you shall be desolate, Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the Lord. ESV

Ezekiel 36:8-12 “But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they will soon come home. For behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. And I will multiply people on you, the whole house of Israel, all of it. The cities shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt. And I will multiply on you man and beast, and they shall multiply and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the Lord. I will let people walk on you, even my people Israel. And they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no longer bereave them of children. ESV

The Priest

Ezekiel 44:28 “This shall be their inheritance: I am their inheritance: and you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.

The Sons

Ezekiel 46:15-16 “Thus says the Lord God: If the prince makes a gift to any of his sons as his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons. It is their property by inheritance. But if he makes a gift out of his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty. Then it shall revert to the prince; surely it is his inheritance—it shall belong to his sons. The prince shall not take any of the inheritance of the people, thrusting them out of their property. He shall give his sons their inheritance out of his own property, so that none of my people shall be scattered from his property.”

THAT WHICH IS THE SON’S

God created Adam in His Image and Likeness and God give him dominion, rule and reign over the things of the earth, the fish, animals and plant life. He was the first formed son of sons which means everything that is the Fathers was given to him, he needed nothing everything that was the Fathers was his and his being was for the Father. He did not need a tithe or an inheritance as his fellowship with Father was divine and supernatural everything he needed was in the Father. The endless possibilities that Adam and Eve could have had ever wanted was in God the Father. The most basic and most extravagant was covered by the glory of God for them. There was no substitutes for anything, life was perfect for them. However all that was lost in Adam and was redeemed in Christ Jesus the only begotten son. **Therefore who every believes in Him {the power of choice} shall not die but have everlasting life in Him’ {note Jn 3:16}**. He is the one who gives up His life for the sinner {missing the mark} to bring them back into a relationship with the Father, Jesus not only lives the way of a son but He validates the love of the Father on the cross at Calvary. Everything that was lost was reclaimed, even the dead rise up, the possessed man restored, the blind see, the crippled walk, the Son revealed, the Kingdom come, the Holy Spirit sent, sons are born again, fathers resume to rise up spiritual sons after Christ, the land and temple becomes desolate and the sons become the glory of God, The sons Inheritance is the Word of God now and forever, the Image and likeness is in the true sons of God. Whatever the son needs is in Christ Jesus, a complete shift from earthly things to heavenly things on earth as the will of the Father. His plans become our plans his thoughts become our thoughts, his love we live by, his grace covers us, his gifts given to us for His purpose to build the immature to mature through the word

Ephesians 4:11-16 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

The measure of the true is this, The Word of God who is Christ is the inheritance of the new Testament Church. 'The word of God is a lamp unto our feet' because the world is a dark place we have the word which we have inherited to sustain us in our faith in Christ, we have to believe that He is in us and we in Him and for many that stray off the path of righteousness is lead back into legalism, traditions, cultural mindsets, useless religion. Therefore we in Christ and Christ in us, means that were Christ is we are with Him and He is with us. Our inheritance is priceless and timeless He is the word of God.

THAT WHICH IS GOD THE FATHER'S

All things that is visible and invisible is God's. The earth and the fullness thereof belongs to him. the cattle on a thousand hills belongs to Him, the very fact that everything geological, the oceans, the rotation of the earth, animal and plant life is still intact is because of Him. When Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden he was surrounded by resources which economies are built on such as oil, gas, precious stones and materials but none of these attributed to his living a glorious life with God. These commodities were just there in the ground until he had to depend on it. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life through temptation destabilized him from what he already was, the glory of God, created in God's image and likeness. His identity and image is turned into dust, homeless and an orphan spirit dawned on him. He is left naked and afraid something he had no experience in, now, he is left to work the ground a self inflicted dilemma. The fellowship was lost with a Holy God, a righteous God, a Father of man. So from Adam to Jesus Christ generations are prepared for the Son's return.

- Adam and Eve - Cain, Abel, Seth
- Noah - Shem, Ham and Japheth
- Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- Moses

- The Law
- The Kings
- The Prophets
- Wisdom of the Psalms
- John the Baptist the last prophet of the old testament
- Mary and Joseph
- Christ 'Messiah
- A core part of Jesus ministry preparing the 12 disciples for their coming into sonship.
- He prepared them for his arrest and council hearings
- For his crucification and resurrection
- For the sending the Holy Spirit
- For seeing him in all His risen glory an exact representation of the Father
- By God calling us unto Him we are born again, raised up as infant christians and grow under the care of a spiritual father raising a son from infancy to maturity.
- The counsel of religious authority has been defined in the five fold ministry and its is a governing body that operates by the power of the Holy Spirit each one call to use his gift to the glory of God for the church in which Christ is Head.

Migration from Land, to Temple, to The Person of Christ

Our inheritance has much to do with our discernment to migrate, movement in the spirit, understanding spiritual precepts and concepts in the natural. The world calls it forward thinking I just call it 'In Christ we move, breath and have our begin'. Our entire life is consolidated in God we are not our own we belong to Him. We are recipients as sons of the Fathers goodness, provision and protection. The mindset must be shifted from land ownership, temple/church definitions and affiliations to allegiance in the Kingdom as one in Christ.

Acts 20:32-33 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ESV

Galatians 3:18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. ESV

Ephesians 1:11-12 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ESV

Ephesians 1:13-14 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.ESV

Ephesians 1:17-23 The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. ESV

Colossians 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ESV

Colossians 3:2-4 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ESV

Hebrews 9:15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant ESV

Hebrews 11:8-10 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

1 Peter

Introduction to 1 Peter taken directly from the Bible

The readers of the apostle Peter's letter were confused and discouraged by the persecution they were encountering because of their faith. Peter exhorted them to stand strong, repeatedly reminding them of

Christ's example, the riches of their inheritance in him, and the hope of his returning again to take them to heaven. Peter explained how Christians should respond when they suffer because of their beliefs. Called the "apostle of hope," Peter's primary message is to trust the Lord, live obediently no matter what your circumstances, and keep your hope fixed on God's ultimate promise of deliverance. Suffering is to be expected, but it is temporary and yields great blessings for those who remain steadfast. Peter probably wrote this letter in the mid-60s a.d

1 Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

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