

BOUNDARIES FOR INHERITANCE

Deut 21:17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated *for* the firstborn, **by giving him a double portion of all that he hath**: for he *is* the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn *is* his.

God gave the law to protect mankind and give them the boundary markers for blessing. In relation to inheritance the first born sons were given the right to inherit a double portion, whether the mother was favoured or not. (Deut 21:15-17). Concerning birthright there could be no argument, for the firstborn son was to be given the double portion irrespectively. However, concerning spiritual inheritance, all believers are given God's favour and blessing. In Christ, it matters not if our family is rich or poor or where we were born.

Eph 2:6 And **hath raised us up together**, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

We must believe that God has raised us up together.
(Eph 2:10-19; Rom 8:14-18)

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God**;

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **they are the sons of God**.

I believe that a spiritual double portion is also possible due to this "new birthright".

2 Kin 2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask **what I shall do for thee**, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, **let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me**. 10And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, **it shall be so** unto thee; but if not, it shall not be *so*.

Although Elisha had been faithful in serving the "father figure" prophet for many years, Elijah was not bound to give Elisha his anointing or spiritual blessing. Elisha received on the basis that he contended for the double portion increase until the very moment that Elijah was taken up.

Psa 16:5 **The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance** and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot **6** The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly **heritage**.

The Heb. Word for “portion” is “m-nath”. It means an allotment (by courtesy, law, or providence)

The Heb. Word for “inheritance” is “cheleq”. It means smoothness (of the tongue), allotment, partake, portion; inheritance.

The Heb. Word for “heritage” is “nachalah”. It means something that is inherited, inheritance, occupancy, an heirloom, an estate, possession.

David was convinced that God alone was his portion of inheritance. David received of the “goodly heritage” of God’s blessing. (v.6b)
Many today are no longer serving God because “the Lord was not their total portion.”

The word for “lines” means “boundaries”. In many ways David was similar to Abraham in that he found God could extend his faith boundaries.

V.11 “**At thy right hand are pleasures forevermore.**” What a positive relationship! As close as His right-hand; His presence brought everlasting pleasure. This is the real joy of serving the Lord. (See Act 2:25-28)

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: **thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

David believed in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Even when Saul tried to kill him, he honoured the man the Lord had anointed. Here we see David receiving at the table of the Lord. Surrounded by constant danger, David always found time to experience the “anointing of the Lord.” This was David’s usual inner man “table service” partaken of at any hour of the day. This source of inner strength encouraged him even during times of battle.

Num 18:20 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: **I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.**

“I am thy part”. Better to know the ways of God and His anointing, than to put confidence in property.

Eph 1:11 “in whom we have obtained an inheritance” (see also **Col 1:12**)

Abram believed in the heavenly inheritance even before his name change to Abraham. He believed that God possessed all of heaven and earth. He would not be seen taking even a shoe latchet from the king of Sodom. He was a spiritual “contender” believing that God was well able to care for his needs.

Gen 14:22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, **the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,** ²³That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that **I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:**

Luk 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, **we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.** ⁶And when they had this done, **they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.**

Peter's spiritual understanding was very limited. He needed convincing that God was able to meet his needs. He had toiled all night and now he was expected to go back into the deep water. Peter's obedience (although overshadowed by natural thinking and doubt) was rewarded. Peter's boat was soon full with an amazing miracle catch. It seemed as if thousands of fish in the Sea of Galilee were gathered into one spot just to show Peter how big God was.

Luk 5:9 For **he was astonished,** and all that were with him, **at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:**

Luk 5:10 And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; **from henceforth thou shalt catch men.**

Luk 5:11 And when they had brought their ships to land, **they forsook all, and followed him.**

James and John were also astonished at the catch. (v.9)

The three men decided to follow Jesus after they experienced the miracle catch. They left everything and willingly followed (v.11)

Peter's call to future ministry as an evangelist and later Apostle was settled. (v.10)

Peter witnessed what Christ could do in the natural. The net catch of thousands in Galilee sealed his faith in Christ; he forsook the nets and later in Jerusalem was used of God to harvest thousands in spiritual catches. Indeed he caught men.