

INHERITING THE KINGDOM

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:19-21)

I want you to carefully notice the phrase “...those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

It is one thing to be saved and quite another to inherit the Kingdom of God. Once we have been brought into the Kingdom of God we must then go through a process – a process of melting and moulding. Through the refiners fire and the launderers soap (Malachi 2:2)

How far we move along in that process determines what we will inherit.

Inheriting Demands Allowing God to Work in Me

¹⁸ Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills. (Habakkuk 3:18-19)

The physical “high places” that these scriptures are referring too were very physically challenging and very precarious. They would be very little place to gain a foot hold.

So also in the Spirit realm there are “high places” – greater levels of authority and power. These high places also represent your portion, your inheritance, your rightful place in Christ Jesus. If you and I are to walk in such ‘high places’ then we need what the scripture says, “deer’s feet”

Only those who have gone through the process of the refiner’s fire and the launderers soap and allowed the Lord to make their feet like the “deer’s feet” can successfully walk in such elevated places in the Spirit.

³² It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect. ³³ He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places. (Psalm 18:32-33)

Can I tell you something? When we are born again into God’s Kingdom through faith in Lord Jesus Christ alone, we are not born with “deer’s feet”. This is the reason we slip and fall over certain issues that confront us even after we have put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

However, as we continue to trust Him and follow Him day in and day out, He starts shaping us. It is then that He makes my feet like the “deer’s feet” Unfortunately very few people allow the Lord to really work in them. They are just satisfied with a miracle or a blessing. They attend one or two services and then stop.

If you are to truly inherit the Kingdom of God then you must allow God to do His work in you. He may break you but He will surely make you. With God your greatest set-backs will be your greatest comeback!

Inheriting Demands Maturity

¹ Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, ² but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. (Galatians 4:1-2)

Allow me to explain these scriptures: A child cannot really inherit his father's estate. Due to his childish nature, he really cannot function as 'master of all' although it is his birthright. In one sense he is 'master of all' only by position, only in potential but not in actual reality.

Allow me to simplify it further: If a father died, could his three year old son who has inherited everything give specific orders to his servants? Can he oversee his father's estate? He might try but the results could be disastrous and far from satisfying.

As I said earlier, "Inheriting demands maturity" However, when two or three Christians gather together, most of the time they are gossiping about another Christian. They go on to say how good and noble they have been and how wrong this other Christian has been. Gossiping and backbiting, they are immature in the ways of God.

Then they are others who get hurt even by the wind. What I mean is they get hurt for little little things. They stop serving the Lord who forgave their filth and prefer to live their lives as slaves to Unforgiveness and bitterness. These are childish people

Inheriting is far more than a legal right; it is the ability to operate within that legal right. Those who inherit must be able to move into their inheritance and function in it

Lord Jesus said, ¹⁷ "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:17-18)

You and I have the legal right to cast out every demon. You and I have the legal right to speak in new tongues. You and I have the legal right to lay hands on the sick and they have to recover. However, we have to learn to function, learn to operate within that legal right.

"And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' (Luke 19:17)

What good would it do to have authority over ten cities if that servant did not have the ability to function in that authority? But the fact is the servant had already acquired the ability to function. How you may ask? As he was faithful in little he acquired the ability to function, the ability to operate in that authority.

People of God when we are faithful in little things this is where we get the maturity and ability to operate in our future inheritance. Only then will we inherit the Kingdom.

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