

# Inheritance

## I Old Testament Inheritance

### A. Discuss the following statements

- What differences in inheritance laws do you see between ancient Israel and our today?
- What advantages and disadvantages do you see?
- What, besides real and personal property was part of the Israelite inheritance?

(See: Numbers 27:1-11, Numbers 34:1-3, Numbers 36:1-12, Deut. 4:20, Deut. 12:9, Duet. 15:4, Duet. 21:15-17, I Kings 3:36, Ruth 3:1-13, Psalms 105:9-11)

### B. True or False and discuss

- a. Real property belongs to family members more to an individual
- b. Personal property belongs to individuals and was inherited equally.
- c. The firstborn gets a double portion of property called birthright
- d. the firstborn gets a double portion of real property
- e. Girls inherited only if there were no boys in the family
- f. The firstborn had to take care of the unmarried sisters in the family.
- g. Girls who inherited could marry only within the tribe.
- h. A mans closest relative had to take care of his widow if he(the husband)died.
- i. The land was assigned to the people by God
- j. Property is a gift of God.
- k. Duties, positions, rights, and relationships were inherited as well as property.
- l. Being part of Gods' people was considered an inheritance also.

## II NEW TESTAMENT INHERITANCE

### A. The New Testament is concerned with

- a. Deeper inheritance than property rights.
- b. Christ Inherits the Kingdom from his Father.
- c. We are fellow heirs with Jesus by adoption.
- d. The Holy Spirit guarantees our inheritance.
- e. The Gentiles share in Christ's' inheritance.
- f. Our inheritance is the Kingdom of God with all the blessings.
- g. The inheritance is a free gift.
- h. The inheritance is now and eternal.

### B. Find Bible evidence of each of the above statements and discuss them.

(See: Luke 12:13-15, Rom. 4:13-16, Rom. 8:17-23, Heb.1:2, Heb. 9:15, I Cor. 6:9-10, Gal. 5:21, I Peter 1:3-4, Eph. 1:14, Eph. 3:6, Mt. 25:34 5)

- How are Old Testament inheritance, Modern laws, and Christian inheritance the same?
- How do they differ?
- What differences in inheritance laws do you see between your masters"
- Does that mean that Lincoln was wrong in abolishing slavery?

### C. Fundamentalists tend to see everything as black or white, good or bad, unchanging, clear and final.

- Does this leave room for personal growth and freedom?
- Would Christianity be able to advance
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